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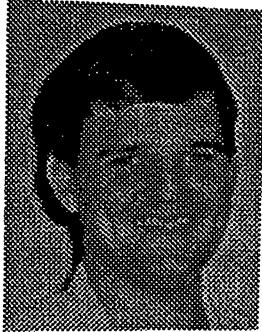
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## **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn



### ***Christmas Party News***

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party... The weather did not really cooperate with us, but everyone who made it seemed to enjoy the food and drinks. I personally ate too much... Thanks to everyone who helped with the party supplies.

**1994 --- 1995**

We ended 1994 on a good note (A Party). I hope 1995 starts out as well as 1994 ended. Personally, my life changed quite a bit during the last twelve months. I hope things settle down a little bit so I can enjoy all my friends and family a little more during 1995. Speaking of 1995, have you all kept your New Year's resolutions? I vowed to exercise and spend more time at home with my wife and my computers. So far, I've kept both of them. (In case you're wondering, I wrote this article on January 3rd. I still need to ride my exercise bike tonight.)

### ***Birthdays Birthdays Birthdays***

I have been reading some of the newsletters we get from other clubs. I saw something that I thought might help make our club a little friendlier. Other clubs print a list of Birthdays in each newsletter listing who had a birthday that month. I think this would be fun and entertaining for us as well. Now all we need is a list showing when everyone in the club was born. Please tell Larry Briggs or myself your birthdays so we can include you in the list. Don't worry, we won't print what year you were born unless you want us to. We may even give a free D.O.M. or something to the Birthday boys and girls each month.

### ***Modem SIG***

We had our first meeting of the Modem SIG at my house on November 19th. We should probably

have another meeting sometime in January. We'll discuss a date for the next SIG meeting at the regular meeting January 18th. We had fun and learned a lot about modems and BBS's at the last SIG meeting. I hope everyone who missed the last one will be able to come to the next one. Bring your planners and we'll pick a date for meeting #2.

### ***DEMO THIS MONTH***

This month we'll discuss MicroSoft Windows and other MicroSoft products.

We are also going to review the D.O.M.'s for January.

### ***Speaking of DEMOS***

I would like to make a schedule for the Demos for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas for demos, please tell me. We are always looking for something to do and I would like to have a plan for 1995.

### ***Joke of the Month***

After an exhausting 12-hour drive to their honeymoon destination in Daytona Beach, FL, a newly married couple decided to refresh themselves with a dip in the motel pool. The new bride must have lost some weight due to wedding day jitters, because each time she dove into the pool, she lost either the top or the bottom of her new skimpy bikini. They had the pool to themselves so they just laughed and retrieved the lost pieces each time she dove in. Later that night, they dressed for dinner and went to the hotel restaurant. Waiting in the lounge for a table, they noticed that there was a huge, empty, glistening fish tank above the bar. They asked the bartender why such a beautiful fish tank was empty and the bartender replied as he grinned from ear to ear, "That's not a fish tank. It's the swimming pool."

See you at the meeting...

Mike

# Reports

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## Membership Report

Larry Briggs

Lets all give a big welcome to new members. None

THANKS AGAIN for continuing Their membership with us. Larry Briggs, John Price, Dave Dawson, and Diego Cardenas

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this Coming meeting. None

These Members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. None

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by Ken Welker

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AS OF JAN. 1, 1995

# Amiga D.O.M. JAN 95

By Jim Tomlinson



## 3GAMES

Info on the 3 games by Tony Philipsson.

**Bubble Trouble:** A boy and his harpoon, use joystick or cursor keys to shoot the bubbles out of the sky, split the bubbles a few times and finally they are gone, then get ready for the next harder level. **Go Kart Mania:** Here you are in the seat of a fast Go cart, Try to

make your 10 laps before the time runs out and don't run in to other cars. The computer run its cars in a little crazy way and they just try to be in your way. **Worm:** control your worm, go for the hearts to get points, or try to make your worm as long as possible. 1-4 players at the same time.

**DISKSPAREII** - It is a complete replacement of the trackdisk.device, which lets you format your disks with 960 kB or 984 kB, or if you've got a (trackdisk-compatible!) HD-Drive with 1920 kB or 1968 kB !!! Requires OS 2.0 or above!!

**EYECANDY02** - EyeCandy is a program that generates various designs to please the eye. This program started life as "SpiroDraw", which simulates the spiral drawing toy called SpiroGraph (tm?). There are additional designs that may now be created (thus the new name for the program).

**HARMONICS** - This is a good document on creating harmonics using MED and OctaMED (available in our library). There are also example synthsounds and sets of harmonics that will help in creating realistic synthsounds included that can be used with the above programs.

## Amiga Special Disk of the Month for Jan 1995

**CYCLETOMENU** - CycleToMenu is a small program for use under OS 2.0 or higher that will allow you to keep programs at your fingertips. With just a touch of a button, a commodities list comes up for your selection. Unfortunately, that is about all the information I could gleen from the Swedish documentation.

**DISKINFOTOOLS** - Tools to help

you manage your disk space (and stay sane!). Without further introduction, the four tools are: **PieChart** Directory Usage - A nice utility if you use a colorful Workbench (be sure and show this one to your friends) **Duplicate Finder** - Identifies the duplicate files on your disk(s). Find out how redundant your files are. **Compare Directory** - Something to compare two disks or directories. You may want to use this to verify what you put on a disk before mailing it. **Verify Directory** - Helps to detect a variety of problems ranging from file corruption to viruses.

**JVP** - *Jim's Video Poker. Works in OS2.0 or above.*

**PICCON** - PicCon is a program to aid developers of Amiga software for including graphical images in their own programs. In a full featured GUI you are able to cut out any portion of a loaded picture and save it back to disk in a variety of formats.

**SHOWGIF** - ShowGIF is, as the name says, a GIF viewer for the Picasso-II graphics board of VillageTronic. The program can be started from CLI or Workbench with one or more filenames/icons. If the program cannot load an image (because you didn't submit a filename or the file doesn't exist), a file requester pops up.

**SLOTS 2.05** - Slots is a standard slot machine game with one exception, it will run over a BBS. It still runs standalone and uses ANSI extended graphics.

**SUPERVIEWEL** - SuperView in its current phase of development is a program, which has mainly three purposes :Displaying of various Graphic File Formats, e.g. IFF-ILBM, IFF-ACBM, PCX, GIF, JPEG, BMP, FBM, TIFF, WPG, IMG, MacPaint, Targa, Pictor/PCPaint, SunRaster (RAS), C64, SVO and DataTypes (OS V3.00+) ! Many of them with 24 Bit-Support. It requires OS 2.0 or above.

**TAPGIF** - TAPGIF is a program that converts an ILBM picture to GIF format without changing the picture's palette information. This is for direct conversions, and does not handle HAM, EHB, or the other variations from the norm correctly.

## MINUTES

By John Hubbard

Due to the Christmas Party, There is no minutes this month.

## Diego's Diary - GCC BBS

In the past I have discussed modems and their usefulness. I am pleased to announce that we as GCC members now have our own bulletin board system to call. Fantasy Island BBS (in Wood River at 254-6804 or 254-9029) now supports our club. The club will donate \$5 for every member that calls there and identifies themselves as members of GCC. I would prefer that you identified yourself in the beginning, when you are asked "where are you from?", then write "GCC" as where you are from. We have access to message, file, and bulletin areas.

The system operator (sysop) is Dennis Barnes. He does not allow R or X rated material to be uploaded to his BBS. Other than this one restriction, the sky is the limit! Files (like old disks of the month), newsletter submissions, previous newsletters, etc. can all be uploaded to our area on Fantasy Island BBS. Questions can be asked of other computer users without having to wait for the monthly meeting. Club business can be conceivably be done online saving some time at the meeting for things we need to be together to do - like demos.

Dennis also has other areas of the BBS that could be conceivably available to you as well. He has many CD-ROMs full of IBM and Amiga software. He also has a few local echoes for communicating far and wide. No arrangements have been made yet for access to these areas of the BBS but if desired, I'm sure this can be coordinated.

If you have read this far and are asking yourself, "what is a BBS?", or "what does upload mean?", then perhaps you would be interested in the modem sig that the club is sponsoring. What a better way to find out about how to use that new modem you received for Christmas!

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## MS-DOS D.O.M. JAN.. 95

Ken Welker



### CATDSK

Disk Catalog System/CATDISK V8.00  
<ASP> (3/3)From Rick Hillier.  
E a s y t o u s e  
installationprogram automates  
a n d s i m p l i f i e s t h e  
CATDISK installation process.

The standard version runs within the 640K DOS limitations. The protected mode (DPMI-compliant) version uses all available extended memory to support higher capacities. This is the program I use to catalog the Club disk library.

### DSKLBL22.EXE

The Disk Label Maker is a tool to help better organize your diskette library. Trying to remember what is on a diskette will become easier. The Disk Label Maker prints labels to accomplish this.

### TLB-V251.EXE

THE LAST BYTE MEMORY MANAGER (vers. 2.51) Loads device drivers, TSRs, and more between 640k and 1 meg. Compatible w/DOS6, Win 3.1, & all prot. mode software. Requires 8088 or above and a supported shadow ram controller, EMS, or R/W ram in the UMA.

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## Editor's Note

By Larry Briggs



1995 A new year. Let us hope that this year will see our club prosper and grow in membership, we all can help, bring a friend that has purchased a new computer for Christmas and doesn't know how to use it. We can help as we all were when we joined this club.

I, for one learned more about the use of the modem from the special SIG held recently. There were six members present and we were shown how to use the American Online BBS and a local Board that is setting up a section for Gateway Computer Club members to use. Those of you that intend to participant should log on as soon as possible to show the sysop that we are interested. We can use it to leave articles for the Bits & Chips as well as E Mail to each other.

I will be in the sunny south of FLORIDA in February. See you when I get back.

## THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper

First off I would like to apologize to everyone for my absence from the club Christmas party, I was rather under the weather and was not really doing much of anything that evening.

Here it is time for the latest segment in the never ending story of "As the Amiga Turns" starring Commodore U.K., Creative Electronics Incorporated, and the ever popular Liquidation Trustees.

As you may remember from the last episode, the U.K. group did not show up to sign the papers so C.E.I. was offered the opportunity. The latest news that I now have is dated Jan. 3, 1995. C.E.I. has made their final offer and signed and put down a deposit. This has triggered the final round. On Dec. 22 Commodore U.K. put forward their final bid, at this time there appears no other bids will be offered and everything rests in the hands of the Liquidation Trustees, and by now I think we all realize just how quickly they work (plenty of sarcasm intended).

Meanwhile did you know that I.B.M. and Apple are getting together and are going to jointly produce a computer that can run both OS2 and Apple's System 7+ operating systems. What this could mean for the future is that Apple will license their operating system allowing for the production of low cost Macintosh clones opening up that market and allowing Apple to concentrate more on software and less on hardware. And with the ease of use that System 7 offers added to I.B.M.'s own OS2, these two companies could really strike out at Microsoft. Something to ponder on anyway.

One more thing to ponder, is the new mouth, excuse me I mean speaker, of the House Newt really serious when trying to cut costs for the government plan on putting everything that comes before congress on the Internet, and does he realize the cost involved. Ponder away it could be interesting.

## Diego's Diary

Diego Cardenas

The Voice from Across the Pond  
By: @{"Michael Wolf" link P8-3} WOC in Cologne

Phew, I just got back from the WOC in Cologne, I just installed and tested my new MultiFace III Board, and I am relaxing with a cup of tea now. Time to give you an overview of the show.

Well, the Amiga part of the show was only about one half of a hall, most of the important German companies were there, mostly selling their stuff. The other 3/4 of the was dominated by PC games, with the Amiga showing up every now and then.

The Amiga booths were extremely crowded, there was no way to fall on your face, as there were simply to many people standing around. CD Roms were sold like hot cakes, I also spotted a few people sneaking away with CD32s.

So, let me give you a brief summary of the new and exciting things on the show:

The OpalVision Roaster chip/board is finally being sold, at a price that is much higher than expected (around DM 4000, \$2500), but fair considering what you get for the money. Now with the Roaster and LightWave PAL, who needs a Toaster in Europe?

The Digital Broadcaster 32 was being demoed, alongside a Warp Transputer System. The DBC32 seems to be fairly stable now, the image quality is excellent.

While the WARP System looks quite nice, I could not see it working as it had just crashed before I arrived. The specs are very impressive and that beast is fast. It basically allows you to load off cpu intensive tasks to Transputer boards using the Warp OS. You can add as many boards as you want to your system, increasing performance proportionally. The base board does around 50 Mips and installs in a Zorro

slot. The other boards (Warp Twin 70 Mips, Warp Triple 105 Mips) are then connected to the base board.

System comparisons to an Amiga 4000/40 are quite impressive, a render that took around 1 hour on an A4000/40 took around 50 seconds on a 1000 Mips Warp system. A rendering engine for Aladdin 4D is available, others (Real3D, Lightwave) are to follow. Software especially written for the Warp boards is supposed to be being developed now.

Helfrich demoed the SD64 64 bit graphics board based on the EGS software, a tablet driver for Genius tablets (which looks promising, Genius tablets are very cheap), Scala MM 400, VideoCruncher and the Peggy MPEG board.

The SD64 is a ZorroII/ZorroIII autosensing gfx board with a max pixel clock of 110Mhz. It is compatible with the Piccolo, the only main difference is that it is faster, more expensive and allows for a max of 4MB Ram.

The tablet driver has some nice features, allowing you to put keyboard/mouse events or ARexx/Dos scripts on any part of the tablet. The final version will allow you to load your tablet template as an IFF file and directly define the areas that cause actions to happen.

Scala MM400 has some new features such as direct VLAB/IV24/Framemaschin support, loads different file formats (TIFF, BMP, FLI/FLC, PhotoCD, GIF, PCX and Datatypes), has 5 types of antialiasing and allows you to run audio/video editing tools directly from Scala.

AS&S were of course demoing the Cyberstorm60/50, which will be available as soon as Motorola ships the 68060 in quantities. Lightwave rendering times are very impressive, the TextureExamples scene included with Lightwave takes 3:42 (minutes / seconds) to render on an A4000/40 25Mhz, 1:32 on a Cyberstorm 40 40 Mhz and 0:54 on a Cyberstorm 60 at 50 Mhz. AS&S also plans to release an O60 board running at 80Mhz as soon as the cpus become available. The Mips ratings are: A4000/40 15.447, Cyberstorm 40 24.896, Cyberstorm 60 82.190 (!). The O60 at 80Mhz is supposed to rate at around 130 Mips.

They also showed their new gfx board, the Cybervision64. It is a pure ZorroIII board based on a 64bit chip by S3. The pixelclock lies around 135 Mhz. The Workbench emulation seemed to be quite stable, it is rumoured to be by the same people who did the Picasso emulation. It also features planar to chunky conversion hardware (a kind of Akiko I guess, just the other way around), which ought to speed up the emulation. It is available with 2 and 4 MB and a pass through for the Amiga signal. A VRam version of the board is also planned (unconfirmed !)..

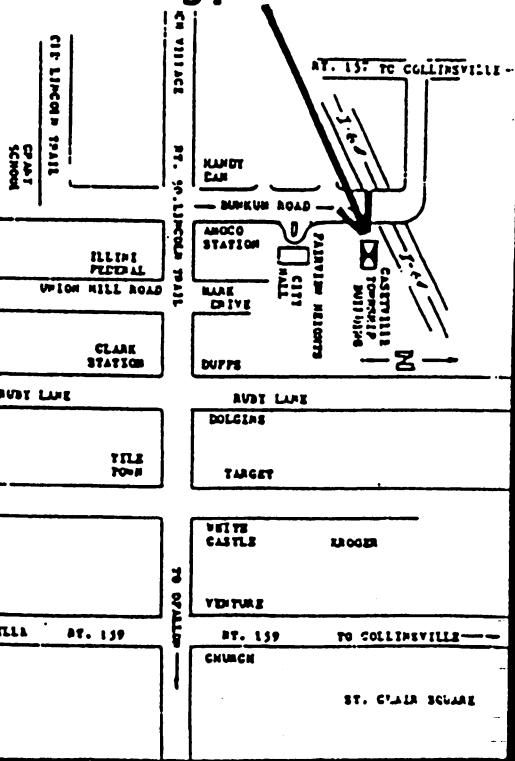
AS&S also showed their new range of A1200 turbo boards, which basically offer the same performance at a lower price.

Now to a goody I discovered at the booth of one of the smaller companies. It is simply called 32-bit Sequence Processor, and does just that at a list price of DM 499 (\$ 312). It allows you to composite 24 bit animations using alpha channels. It offers fades, layering, colour manipulation and other operators. It is not unlike ADPro, but especially made for animations. The rendering calculations are performed at a breathtaking pace due to optimized assembler code. The system is very easy to use and, for example, allows you to composite images using spline paths. This is the kind of programm I would want to write (because I need it ;-). Excellent stuff here, let's wait and see if the guy finds a distributor in the US.

Well, again I went to the MacroSystems booth, wondering whether they would show a better demo of the VLab-Motion this time. Well, they did. The software is advancing and looks really nice now. The image quality is still not up to PAR (excuse the pun), but ought to be enough for industrial use. The software will not use the M-JPEG chips for JPEG coding/decoding, but MS promised to include highly optimized coding algorithms with the next software update which should cut down the coding time to around 2 seconds (on a WarpEngine40). A file system for the VLab-Motion is out of the question, said the programmer, because you just can't delete frames in the middle of a sequence. He will think about a file system that allows to write files once only though. The VLab-Motion Software now also fully supports the Toccata audio board during editing. MS also demoed XI-Paint, which features an OS3.x look on a 24 bit screen and offers some nice features (image layering for example).

Oh, Imagemaster r/t was on sale, for as low as \$112 ! And I didn't buy it, damn.

## Gateway Computer Club meeting place



## GCC Directory

### Next Meeting:

January 18th 1995 7:00pm

### Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:

Feb. 1st 1995 7:00pm  
At the WESTERN SIZZLIN  
Fairview Heights, IL.

### Next Copy Session:

At all regular meetings

### Visitors Always Welcome

### At Meetings

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# First Class

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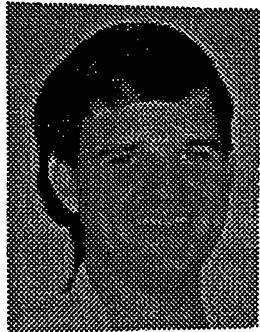
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### **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

Birthdays Birthdays  
Birthdays

As I mentioned last month, I thought it would be nice to have a Birthday List in the newsletter.

We made a list of birthdays for everyone at the January meeting. If you did not attend the meeting, do not be discouraged. You can be added to the list at the February meeting. After the business meeting portion of the meeting is over, I'll have a sheet of paper for everyone who missed the sign-up at the January meeting.

### **Modem SIG**

When I wrote this article, we were planning on having a SIG meeting at my house on January 28th. I realize that only the people who attended the January meeting found out about the SIG meeting and I plan on having more SIG sessions in the future. We'll try to publish a date for the next SIG meeting in the newsletter at least a month beforehand to give everyone some time to plan and arrange their schedules.

### **DEMO THIS MONTH**

I'm not sure if we finished talking about the MicroSoft software last month. If not, that discussion will continue at the February meeting. I also have a portable computer and a portable CD-ROM drive that I can bring to the February meeting. If you have a favorite CD-ROM program, PLEASE BRING IT to the February meeting and show us how it works. I only have one CD-ROM, and it has my company documentation that isn't very exciting.

We are also going to review the D.O.M.'s for February.

### **DEMOS FOR 1995**

As I mentioned last month, I would like to make a schedule for the Demos for the upcoming year. I have created a list of DEMO ideas that I gathered from the members over the past few years. Here is what my list looks like so far: Video Director - Video Editing Software (Larry Briggs), Graphics Software, MicroSoft WORD, MicroSoft EXCEL, Modems / Internet, Local Computer Dealer Demonstrations, Flatbed Scanner, Copy Session with free access to D.O.M.'s etc..., Computerized Bible Programs, GCC Newsletter Composition (Larry Briggs), Lemmings (Other games), CD-32, Miracle Piano Teacher, Member of the Month Profiles (Members talk about what they do with their computers)

If you have any ideas for demos, please tell me at the February meeting and I'll be sure to add it to my list.

### **Joke of the Month**

Two older gentlemen were sitting by the swimming pool at a nudist colony when they noticed a beautiful young woman walking toward the pool. Her tan lines traced the outline of a tiny bathing suit with elaborately crisscrossed straps across the back. "Mmm," one of the men said wistfully, "I'll bet she looks great in that suit."

See you at the meeting...

Mike

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### **Editor's Note**

By Larry Briggs

There are no birthdays to report this month, the list from last meeting did not have any member birthdays in February.

As you read this I am in Florida. See you when I get back.

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# Amiga D.O.M. FEB 95

By Jim Tomlinson



**DDBASE** - A database that can view various formats. Have up to 3500 records, export-import data ASCII, Superbase or BBaseII. Uses External fields {ASCII/IFF/MED-SOUNDTRACKER MODULES/8SVX/AMIGAGU IDE/ANIMS/GIFF/JPEG/}, up to 20 fields. Draw up to 10 Bevel/FlipBoxes, Box, Double Bevel Boxes. DDBASE is now compatible with PAL Lowres, Hires, Hires Lace and NTSC Lowres, Hires/Hires Lace screen modes. DDBASE can now create an AmigaGuide database from a DDBASE file.

Requirements: A 2MB Amiga running OS2.04 or higher.

**GIFKIT** - The GIF tool kit is a set of tools for manipulating GIF image files. It was written because the author needed to do visual crops without using three megabytes on a two megabyte machine. Once the basics of the program were done, it was fairly easy to add other capabilities to the program. In addition to doing visual crops, the program can be used to resize GIFs, do horizontal and vertical flips and rotate the image 90 degrees. Requires OS 2.0 or higher.

**ICONSPY** - IconSpy is a very simple program which monitors calls to functions in icon.library. It will show you any attempts to load icons or, what is more important, to find icon tool types. Very often applications get some options, preferences and so on via tool types. And if the doc files are lost somewhere in the universe you simply don't know what tool types a program looks for! Using IconSpy you can even discover some secret tool types! Requires OS 2.04 or higher.

**SYSTEMGUIDE** - A comprehensive reference guide to Amiga software system files.

## Special Disk of the Month for Amiga February 1995

**MR. & MRS.** - a game full of problems and puzzles, with 450 screens to map and seven worlds to explore, there should be enough in there to keep you occupied for a few evenings. Mr. & Mrs. is a two player platform game for one.

**Space Invaders II - THE ATTACK OF THE GREEN SMELLY ALIENS FROM 27B/6. HERE WE GO AGAIN !!!!** Those little green fellows with the brain the size of a pea are back and they are after revenge. They were on route to Earth to perpetrate an awful crime against humanity - kidnap the entire

female population for use as mine workers in their slime mines! As your craft was the only ship between them and Earth your task is to 'delay' them as long as possible until Earth can get some pretty hefty anti-alien hardware together.

# MS-DOS D.O.M. FEB. 95

Ken Welker

## CRUISE2.EXE

A Cruise of the Internet Version 2.0 for IBM-DOS and DOS compatibles running Windows March 20, 1993 **WHAT IS IT?** Merit's "Cruise of the Internet" is a computer-based tutorial for new as well as experienced Internet "navigators." The Cruise will introduce you to Internet resources as diverse as supercomputing, minorities, multimedia, and even cooking. It will also provide information about the tools needed to access those resources.

## CTREE32.EXE

### CUMBERLAND TREE: THE BEST GENEALOGY PROGRAM AVAILABLE! Rated FOUR STARS by Public Brand Software

The CUMBERLAND TREE Family Tree program is a shareware application program for doing genealogy work. It allows entry of individual names, birth, christening, marriage, death and burial dates and places tying them all together automatically as a family and extended family structure. It's features include:

## JNL105C.EXE

SENSIBLE HOME JOURNAL v1.5 - Windows program for recording daily journal information. Includes powerful search, browse, retrieval, reporting, and printing tools. External documents can be referenced by journal entries, with automatic execution of viewing tools. Password protection for secrecy.

## MINUTES

By John Hubbard

The meeting opened at 7:11pm by the Pres. Taphorn. There were 19 members and two visitors present, the two visitors joined the club.

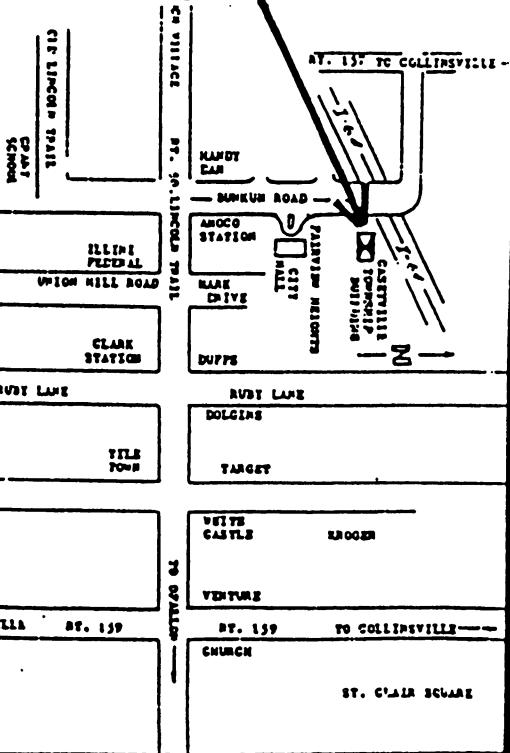
All reports were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

There was a modem sig at pres. Taphorn's home on the 28th.

It was reported that at the next modem sig, games will be played, don't miss it.

If you have a program you like, give a demo on it, see an officer. Meeting was closed at 8:33pm.

## Gateway Computer Club meeting place



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February 15th. 1995

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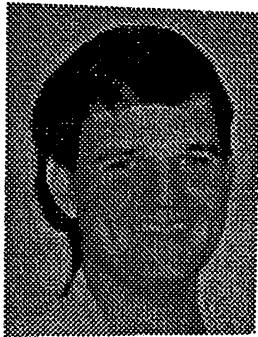
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March 1995

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### **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

MODEM SIG (Special Interest Group)

The date for the next modem SIG meetings will be determined at the March meeting... We'll try to publish a list of SIG meeting dates in the next newsletter

so everyone has time to plan and arrange their schedules.

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Hopefully, our list of demos will be ready by the March meeting. I promise I'll try to work up an exciting mixture of demos for the coming year...

If you have any ideas for demos, please tell me at the March meeting and I'll be sure to add it to my list.

### **COPY COPY COPY SESSION**

Because I'm bringing in the software that I've collected lately for the March Meeting, I'd like to make the March meeting a Copy Session. Please bring your computers and software and we'll copy till the cows come home or the donut shop lures us away (whichever comes first). I'm going to bring a laptop and a desktop computer to use for the copy session so please bring me something to copy or I'll be very upset.

### **NEW SECTION - CHEAT OF THE MONTH**

Because I've been on the BBS's more lately, I've rounded up a lot of good cheats for many of the most popular games. If anyone else is playing DOOM, HERETIC, or WARCRAFT... I have the cheats for you!!!

I'll print one cheat code here and at least one every month. Here goes: When playing WARCRAFT, hit the ENTER key and a MSG: prompt will appear. TYPE "CORWIN OF AMBER" and press ENTER. The program will recognize that the cheat is active. Press ENTER again and TYPE "POT OF GOLD" for 5000 credits of Lumber and 10000 Gold pieces. If you have a game you would like a cheat for, please ask and I'll try to help.

### **Joke(s) of the Month**

I couldn't really find any great jokes so here are a couple good ones:

1) A man visiting a graveyard saw a tombstone that read, "Here lies John Kelly, a lawyer and an honest man." "How about that!" he exclaimed. "They've got three people buried in one grave."

2) Did you here about the couple that couldn't afford to pay the priest for the exorcism? Yeah, he repossessed their house.

See you at the meeting...

Mike

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Larry Briggs

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THANKS AGAIN for continuing Their membership with us. Bill Jeffreys

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## Treasure's Report

By Ken Welker

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E 50/50.....\$ 5.50

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## Amiga D.O.M. MAR. 95

By Jim Tomlinson

**BackTalk** - BackTalk is a compiled AmigaBASIC program that runs in the background. It has low processor overhead, unless it is actually in the process of saying something. You can create your own Talk files using Creator, a menu driven file maker. Every few seconds, Back-Talk speaks, and says something chosen randomly from the current Talk file.

**CHARR** - Charr is loosely based on Scorched Tanks, which was similar to Artillerus, but a much better example of how an Artillery game should be done. The author wanted to create a "next generation" version for the gaming genre. Thus, Charr was born! The basic concept behind Charr is simultaneous action. Many different weapons can be fired at once and in different patterns with each "bullet" proceeding independent of the others.

**IconSpy** - IconSpy is a very simple proggie which monitors calls to GetDiskObject() and FindToolType() functions in icon.library. It will show you any attempts to load icons or, what is more important, to find icon tool types. Very often applications get some options, preferences and so on via tool types. And if the doc files are lost somewhere in the universe you simply don't know what tool types programs looks for! Using IconSpy you can also discover some secret tool types! This is an update to a previous disk.

**NOERRORS** - NoErrors is a simple to use, Gadget driven program. Its main function is to hide physical disk errors from floppy disks and hard disks, so these disks can then be used without DOS showing read/write errors. Physical errors are actual hard errors on the disk surface. These errors will not format. On floppy disks this normally means that you throw the disk away. On some hard disks, you can remap these areas to good areas. However we have found that some commercial drives do not give you this function, so if your hard drive has an error, then bad luck you cannot use it successfully. NoErrors overcomes this problem by allocating these areas to a file, and writing this file to the disk. DOS will never look at these areas unless specifically requested, but as the file name of the file is an unprintable character this will never occur. If you are using a file utility program, the file can be seen normally as the first file on the list with no name. Don't delete it or your errors will reappear.

## MS-DOS D.O.M. MAR. 95

Ken Welker

### AMTAX94.EXE

This is the SHAREWARE version of AM-Tax. It prepares a complete tax return consisting of Form 1040 and Schedules A, B, C, D, E, EIC, F, R, and SE. All of the forms and schedules (including the 1040) print in a format that can be filed directly with the IRS.

### GATE20.EXE

GateWorld By HomeBrew Software! Captain Klondike meets the G.O.R.G. machine in Part 1: "The Seed Ship". Over 2 Megs compressed graphics. Full Adlib soundtrack.

Support for over 12 different sound cards. Story and epilogue sequences, demo mode, save/restore, hints, preview, and MORE! Requires VGA, 560K RAM, 286 or better. Sound card and joystick optional.

### SCN-214E.EXE

VirusScan for DOS new version 2.1.4 (214) 01/11/95 by McAfee, Inc. Scans and cleans PC's/LAN's for known and new viruses. Requires DOS 3.0+.

## MINUTES

By John Hubbard

### Feb. Regular Meeting 1995

Meeting opened at approximately 7:00pm by President Taphorn. The treasure's report was accepted as printed in the Bits & Chips. There will be a copy session at this month's meeting, bring your computer and blank disks with you, some programs or games and we will all take a look at them. The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

## Editor's Note

By Larry Briggs

I'm back from sunny Florida. Had a nice visit with my daughter.

I am a little short of space for my report this month due to other long reports, but that I like..

You will find a letter Re: Amiga situation on page 5, I got it from an Amiga dealer in Davie Fl. It seems from this report that the end is near. Lets keep our fingers crossed.

There will be a copy session this meeting night, bring your computers and program's you want to share with others, also be sure to have blank disks.

# Diego's Diary

Diego Cardenas

Experiences with the AMIGA

## Diego's Diary - Fantasy Island BBS

This article is designed to go into more detail in regards to our BBS. First off, let me say that we are now official members of the Fantasy Island BBS.

In addition to the 2 numbers published previously, we also have access to the BBS by calling 254-9107.. I find that this third number is often available when the other 2 are busy. This third number also has support for US Robotic HST modems in case you have one of those.

Let's talk about the different menus when you call the BBS. When you first call with your modem (see previous issues of Diego's Diary for discussions on modems and how to use them), you are presented with a message asking you to hit your return key 4 times and then you get a prompt for your name. If this is your first time calling, then you also get asked if you typed your name correctly and then you get asked a bunch of questions which you should try to answer as accurately as possible. If you have called previously, then after you type in your name, you are asked to type in your password. Now you are "logged in!" Occasionally, you are asked a question to help the system verify that you are indeed who you say you are - like date of birth or home phone number. The next screens you see are the lists of caller for the previous 2 days. You are then shown any new newsletters and then whether you have any personal mail waiting to be read by you. After all this, you are presented with the Main Menu. From here you can type F to see the File Menu or M to see the Message Menu. Reading messages on the board is just a matter of typing R for Read, N for New, the A for All Conferences. The GCC Conference is #10. There is an Amiga conference, a private electronic mail conference, a general chit chat conference, and many more.

From within the Files Menu, my favorite command is N for New Files Since Last Checked. From here, you can look at all the recent uploads in all the file sections. So far, this has been pretty intuitive. Now let's talk about something not so clear cut.

There is a command called J for Join Conference. The sysop, Dennis, has his BBS configured with different access levels. As a GCC member, you have access to all the conferences and file areas. However, a typical Fantasy Island caller may have access only to the Mideon area or

the General Chit Chat area. When a Midean person does a new file scan, he or she only sees the files pertaining to the Mideon area. Therefore, if you [J]oin the Amiga area #4 for instance and then try a new file scan, you will only see files pertaining to the Amiga computers (but not the GCC Amiga files). IBM files are access through the General Chit Chat conference but like I mentioned previously, we as GCC members have access to all the conference and file areas through the GCC conference. What does all this mean? I suggest that when you first call, Join the GCC conference and access the other areas through the GCC conference. I realize our menus aren't very pretty (yet), but we can improve these with time and suggestions.

One caution: from the Main Menu in all the conferences, an option to leave feedback to the Sysop (Dennis) exists. From the GCC Main Menu, leaving feedback to the sysop actually leaves a message to me. The reason is that most times, this option is used to ask questions of the BBS. For our section, questions would probably be best answered by myself. If you are interested in leaving a message to Dennis specifically, then Join conference #1- General Chit Chat, and then use the Main Menu option of Leave a Comment for Sysop. Clear as mud? Good.

Talk to you later. -----

## Amiga Special Disk of the Month

PucManWorld - Pucman Worlds is a Pacman clone programmed using Amos Professional. You can freely distribute this game if all files on this disc stay unchanged. Earlier versions of Pucman didn't work on 68000 based Amiga due to bug in Amos Pro Compiler but fortunately we could avoid the bug by changing the code. So this version should run now with A500 and A2000 IF you have at least 1 meg of chip ram. We are truly sorry about that, but that was the only way to get the Pucman working...I'm not going to tell you the complete playing instructions because you have certainly played Pacman (If you haven't task your friends or write to us and we'll help you if you have any problems). But something important should be mentioned herein. In menu use mouse or joystick to move the pointer and choose one of the icons below. Note that the pointer will change to icon's name for easy recognition of different options. The first one is 'Play' icon and when you click this one, the game starts from world #1. There are 3 completely different worlds and every world has at least 4 levels. With the second icon you can 'Load' your previous location in Pucman by giving the correct WORLD password. The world password is given to you at beginning of each level. Note that the password will start from level 1 of respective world.



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The time frame we expect for the completion of the acquisition can be between 45 and 60 days (remember we have been disappointed a number of times).

Many of you have asked if the Amiga is dead. The answer is an unequivocal NO. We receive tens of thousands of letters from around the world expressing support for the Amiga and our plans. We have booked orders for significant amounts of product. Dealers who have attempted to move to other platforms have realized that the risk versus profit does not justify competing with the big boys. Developers that abandoned the Amiga are having a difficult time penetrating the PC market. Once we are able to implement our strategy and announce our partner we believe that not only the majority of former developers will return, but an influx of new development will occur.

We are taking steps in order to bolster your business immediately. Due to our expanded reach we will be introducing new products into the dealer base shortly. CEI is also sorting and cataloging thousands of Amiga related parts ( a list is enclosed). We are repairing Amiga products for the dealer base. CEI carries a full stock of all major Amiga products including DPS, Newtek and GVP. While other Amiga distributors have reduced their support of the Amiga, CEI is taking every step to expand support and stock levels. These steps should provide you a temporary bridge until production is resumed.

The dealer that is in business at this point in time is the survivor, and you are the partners we need to rebuild the Amiga.

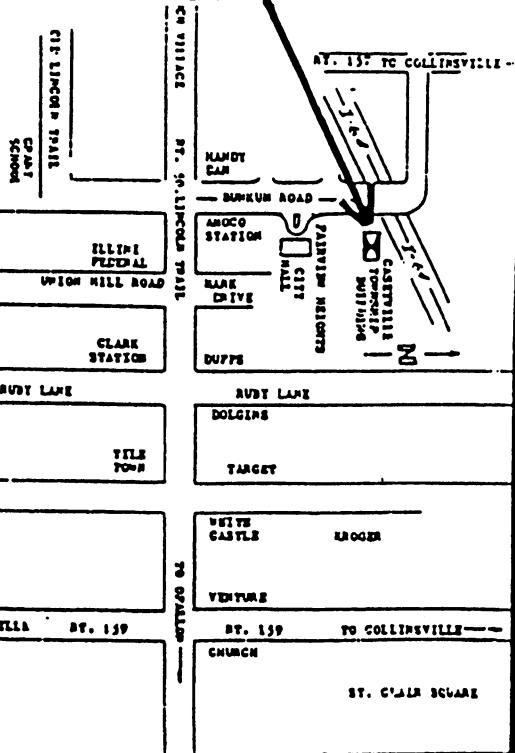
Sincerely

Alex Amor

**LATE NEWS:** Today Tuesday, February 14, 1995, CEI submitted a new bid for all of Commodore's assets. The bid was accompanied by a deposit and all the necessary documents to expedite closing.

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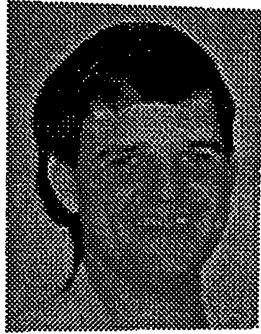
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### **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn

**Hello from the Pres...**



**MODEM SIG (Special Interest Group)**

The date for the next modem SIG meeting will be April 22nd. The meeting will be at the home of our editor, Larry Briggs. The location will be announced at the April meeting so please attend...

### **DEMO THIS MONTH**

This month we are going to review some more software that I have collected from the BBS and America On-line. We didn't really go over too many of them last month. This month I should have a little more organization to my presentation. I'll try not to talk to much about modems so Earl doesn't feel left out. All of the programs that I'll bring should work with any IBM compatible. I plan on adding the shareware and public domain titles to the GCC's IBM DOM's in the future. I typed this last month, but it is worth repeating... If anyone has not called the club BBS (Fantasy Island), please call and tell the sysop that you are with the GCC. He will give you full access to the BBS as soon as possible. I really think the BBS is a great way to share software and ideas with other members and non-members alike. The numbers for the BBS are: (618) 254-6804 & (618) 254-9029 & (618) 254-9107.

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I gave up on organizing the 1995 demo list... It is much easier to come up with one idea at a time. I still have the list that we compiled in the past and the board members and I will decide what to demonstrate before each meeting and publish our pick here in the newsletter.

If you have any ideas for demos, please tell me at the meeting and I'll be sure to add it to my list.

### **COPY COPY COPY SESSION**

Every meeting from now on will be a copy session. Please bring any new public domain or shareware software that you have to any general meeting. I think everyone enjoys getting new software. I know I do... I'll try to have something new that may excite you at every meeting to help get the ball rolling.

### **NEW SECTION - CHEAT OF THE MONTH**

Here is one for an older game that continues on in a multitude of new forms. (SIMCITY) If you need some instant cash, type FUNDS and you'll receive money immediately. Don't use this too much or earthquakes will ruin your city. Another somewhat more legal way to raise cash is to lower your tax rate to zero for most of the year and then raise your taxes to 20 % right before you collect them from your citizens. After collecting at the higher rate, lower them to zero again. Using this technique, a lot of people will flock to your city during the zero taxes period and they will generate a lot of tax money when you raise the taxes to 20 % before you collect. I generally like to use this technique to force rapid growth during the early years. I usually switch to a more reasonable rate after my city is big enough to support my spending habits.

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### **Joke(s) of the Month**

My friend, a wallpaper hanger, usually works in solitude in homes while the owners are at their jobs. But one day, hanging paper in a suite of offices, he forgot he wasn't alone. When a piece of paper failed to stick, he let go a string of expletives. Embarrassed, he turned and saw the computer operator whose office he was papering, staring at him. "Sorry," he muttered. "That's paper-hanging talk." "Don't worry about it, honey," she replied. "It's COMPUTER talk too." (She must be a GCC member...)

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## Amiga D.O.M. APR 95

by Jim Tomlinson



**aThrust** - aThrust v2 is a two player gravity shoot 'em up - like Gravity Force, TurboRAKETTI and others. But aThrust v2 has some features which other games don't have. 100% system friendly. aThrust is using the OS and runs on an Intuition screen. You could even convert some JPGs or download files while playing.

It has an realtime two-player-mode via the serial port.

Two players can use one keyboard (I hate the joystick control

in other aThrust games). It has a font and size sensitive GUI-front end and lots of extra weapons.

**MFormat** - MFormat is a disk formatter utility I wrote because the author wasn't satisfied with Commodore's Format command. It will install the disk and disable verifying. You will also be able to save settings in a prefs file, so you no longer have to always change the volume name to something else than "Empty" when you get tired of that name.

**MultiStart** - MultiStart is a Startup Menu with a nice looking GUI, Opens when the LMB is held down and Enables/Disables WBStartup Files.

**SmartCopy** - Easy-to-use file copier with GUI. Good for copying a bunch of files from a harddisk to floppy disks, as it figures which files will fit and only copies those files. If more disks are required, you will be prompted for them.

**Terminus** - What's here is a way overdue update of Terminus. Not much as far as new stuff, bugfixes and some changes mostly. Also nuked the expiration code so that what happened in May won't reoccur. The history file that came with this sums up what's in this release.

**TicTacAmiga** - TicTacToe for Amiga!!

## AMIGA Disk of the Month for April 1995

Bu Jim Tomlinson

**CyberMan** - If you liked PacMan, boot up this 3D clone. It has new monsters(guess who they really are) and a dual playfield allowing you both an overhead view along with the first-person perspective. Great play!

## MS-DOS D.O.M. APR. 95

Ken Welker

### BQ1.EXE

**THE BARD'S QUEST I: DUNGEONS OF THE UNKNOWN!** This is a NEW VGA/MCGA 256-color RPG game from VisionSoft! You must unravel the secrets of the mysterious dungeons of Isil Thania and discover the ancient Star Light Cult! So real you'll be playing for hours! Includes DIGITAL SoundBlaster(R) sound & 256-color digitized graphics! Requires: VGA/MCGA, 640K, 386 or better. Optional: SoundBlaster, AdLib.

### WINZIP.EXE

WinZip 5.6 w/Built-in ZIP TAR gzip & compress Easily Install/Try/UNINSTALL software in ZIPs PKZIP is not needed for basic ZIP operations Brings the convenience of Windows to Zipping "Best Utility" 1994 Shareware Industry Awards "Recommended Download" Windows Magazine 9/94 "Top 10" Windows Utility CompuServe Mag 10/93

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## MINUTES

By John Hubbard

### -Minutes March 15-95

Meeting opened at 7:10 by Pres. Taphorn. Modem Sig. will be Apr.22/95 at 1:00pm. dont miss it. Bits & Chips printing of all reports were accepted. There were 15 members at the meeting. Pres closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

## Editor's Note

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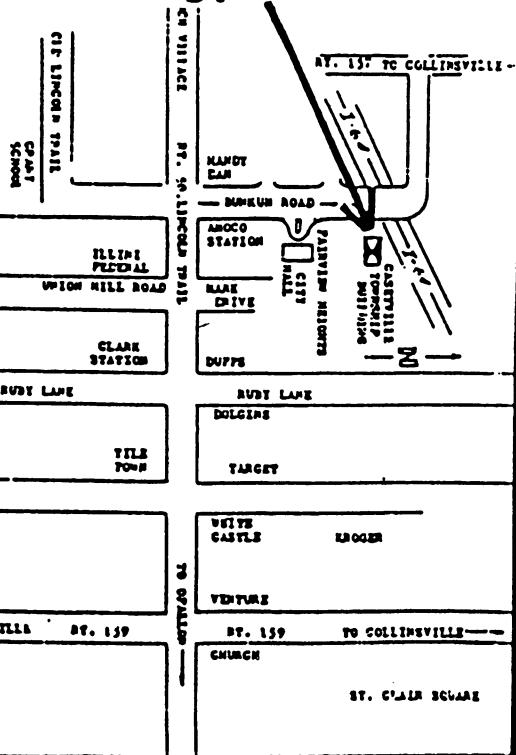
Happy Birthday to Norman Collins, Tony Burke, and Richard Collins, all with birthdays in April.

A belated birthday greeting to Dick Koerper and John Sundstrum, they had birthdays in February.

I will host the April 22nd Modem SIG at my home. We intend to demonstrate how to use the modem between two computers, we can demonstrate this between my IBM and AMIGA 2000 both have 14400 modems on two different phone lines so you will see what is going on at all times. Should be enlightening to all of us that have trouble when calling in to a friends computer. I'm sure that, if you attend you will learn something about on line computing. If you do not know where I live, call me and I will give directions.

Here is a list of the addresses for some of our members jhubb69676@aol.com...tonyb52052@aol.com bjeffreys@aol.com...lbriggs@aol.com...dcarden as@delphi.com... You will notice all are in lower case.

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April 19th 1995, 7:00pm

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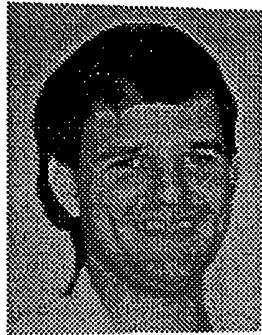
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### **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

#### **MODEM SIG (Special Interest Group)**

The date for the next modem SIG meetings will be determined at the MAY meeting. The last meeting was on April 22nd at Larry Briggs condo. We explored the intricacies of America

On-line and the INTERNET. Some news that may be of interest to our MODEM users...America On-Line has a new World Wide Web (WWW) Browser that allows anyone on America On-line to communicate and view pictures on the WWW. I had fun looking through all the new information that the WWW made available. The dinosaur exhibit at the university of Honolulu was pretty neat. Have fun...

#### **DEMO THIS MONTH**

This month we are going to begin the Microsoft Word training that I talked about at the last meeting. I have access to some professional training videos and an overhead projector that should allow everyone to learn about Microsoft Word. If the tapes seem useful, I'll try to get the intermediate and advanced tapes for future meetings. I should be able to get tapes for Microsoft Excel and other programs if we are interested. Please plan on attending, my friends at work tell me that these videos are very helpful even if you already know a little about the programs.

If you like the demos or have any ideas for future demos, please tell me at the meeting. I like getting feedback, good or bad.

#### **COPY COPY COPY SESSION**

I got a lot of new software since the last meeting. I'll make sure that I bring the good stuff to the meeting for everyone to enjoy. As I said in the last newsletter, every meeting from now on will be a copy session. Please bring any new public domain or shareware software that you have to any general meeting.

#### **NEW SECTION - TECH TIP OF THE MONTH**

Have you ever copied a program to your hard-disk and forgotten where you put it? I recently did this and it made me wonder if I was the only one who misplaces his files. Since I decided that I probably am not alone in this situation I thought of a few ways to find my file that everyone may not know about. The first way to find my file involves going to the DOS prompt and using the DIR command. The more recent versions of DOS include a way of searching through the entire Hard-disk with a single DIR command. Try this...go to the C:\ prompt and type "DIR /s \*.BAT" and press ENTER. Your computer will work for a while and start printing information to your screen. It is searching for every BATCH file on your hard-disk and I know it will find at least one. The key to using this method is the fact that you went to your root directory (C:\) and told it to look through all of your Sub-Directories ( Adding /s to your DIR command tell it to search your sub-directories). Another way to find a file is to use the FILE-MANAGER in WINDOWS and use the Search command found under the File pull-down menu. Using the Search command will not only list your files but also allow you to copy or move them if you like. If you get stuck trying out this TECH TIP....please ask for help at the next meeting and I'll try to help. HAVE FUN

#### **Joke of the Month**

At an exhibition of the world's best swordsmen, the third place fencer took the stage. A fly was released and the swordsmen swiftly cut the fly in half with a flick of his sword. The crowd cheered... Then the second place swordsmen sliced a fly into quarters. The crowd fell silent waiting for the best swordsmen in the world to take the stage. His blade came down in a mighty arc- but the insect continued on its way. The crowd was upset. The greatest swordsmen missed his target completely, but continued to smile. Someone asked, "Why are you so happy? YOU MISSED!" "Ah," replied the swordsman, "you weren't watching very carefully: The fly lives, yes---but he will never be a father."

See you at the meeting...

Mike

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THANKS AGAIN for continuing Their membership with us. John Hubbard, Tom McDonald, and Norman Collins

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this Coming meeting. Betty Feigenbutz, Everett Truttmann, Lester German and Bob Clark.

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## Treasure's Report

By Ken Welker

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# Amiga D.O.M. MAY 95

by Jim Tomlinson



**CBE** - ClipBoard Enhancer (a.k.a. CBE) is a commodity that enhances the way that the Amiga clipboard works. The clipboard (as I am sure most of you already know) is a device that allows programs to copy data from one application, and allow the user to paste that data back either to the same application or even to other applications that are capable of using the clipboard.

The Amiga has 256 such units, unfortunately almost all programs only use one unit. This seemed a waste of quite a powerful system feature. Another problem comes in when you cut/copy a second time, since the previous data is lost, the only way to paste that same information back is to find where you got it from, and recopy/cut again. This of course is not always possible. Well worry no longer for CBE is here. CBE keeps track of every piece of data that has been sent to the clipboard, and allows you to select any previous item, and paste it back.

**MultiCX** - MultiCX is a well programmed multi-commodity that does screen blanking, mouse acceleration, mouse pointer blanking, screen cycling, and many other functions.

**FileFinder** - This program is used for finding things, still you probably worked that out from the name ;). The author wrote it because he felt there was a need to quickly find the location of file's on his machine as many of them have files stored in different ways.

**Frodo** - A new multitasking C64 emulator for the Amiga. OS2.1 and a 68020 (or better) are required, as well as copies of the original C64 ROMs, which are not included. This emulator focuses on the exact reproduction of special graphical effects possible on the 64, and is therefore not very fast (using a 68040/25 and a Piccolo card gives about half of the original C64 speed).

**MoreText** - MoreText is a powerful, yet easy to use text/AmigaGuide/HTML viewer. It uses standard IO, so it's ideal for BBS usage. Of course it works fine on shell too. Viewing of AmigaGuides/HTML docs is very easy : use TAB to move to the next link and RETURN to jump to a new node or file. Link jumps can be naturally retraced. Also INDEX node is supported.

**MuchMore** - A soft scrolling text viewer. Can run in a window on a public screen or on his own screen. Display mode can be choosen with ASL screen mode requester. Supports ANSI, pipes, xpk, locale. Includes 7 catalogs. Version 4.5

**Play16** - A versatile soundplayer for the Amiga - autodetects and plays several soundfiles, up to 16 bit / 56 kHz / stereo - always correct playback speed, even for sounds >28 kHz - realtime playback from harddisk, optimized assembler routines - optional 14 bit output (less noise but not as good as true 16 bit) - automatic or manual audio filter control - plays mono sounds on \*both\* channels, not only on the left one - plays (and loops) files that are larger than memory - preloading for exactly timed start of playback

# AMIGA Special Disk of the Month for May 1995

**MRBackup** - MRBackup is a hard disk backup program for the Commodore Amiga family of computers. It provides a wide range of services to support Amiga file management and backup/restore of files to/from hard disk. Files can be backed up to:

- \* Floppy disk, in AmigaDOS format
- \* Floppy disk, in a special "fast" format
- \* Any sequential file or device (local or networked) in "fast" format
- \* SCSI streaming tape

A saveset catalog file is created for each saveset, allowing quick retrieval of individual files when necessary. Should the catalog file become damaged or lost, MRBackup can recreate it by scanning the saveset. MRBackup is designed to behave well in your Amiga's multi-tasking environment. It does not "take over the machine" and will allow you to use your Amiga for other activities while backups are being performed.

# MS-DOS D.O.M. MAY. 95

Ken Welker



Furnished by  
TOM McDONALD.

ALL PROGRAMS CAN BE RUN FROM ANYWHERE.. BY TYPE THE FILENAMES..WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PUTTDEMO.... TYPE MINIGOLF

This is a little menu to show you the hidden extra utilities that are now available on this computer. To start any program... just type the filename from anywhere!!!!

**DCOPY** -One of the best one-pass file copiers... read DCOPY.TXT file.

**DOSCALC** -Very nice calculator for DOS Beautiful graphic display!

**FILEVIEW** -View and Read files the easy way!!

**MEG** - Graphic Disk Display. Great Utility!read MEG.DOC file.

**P64** - PrintPlus V6.4 Printer utility...good to have around.

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**SNOOPER** The System Checker. Very good report about YOUR computer!

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**POKER** - (Bicycle Brand) is installed... The Best Poker card game!

**MINIGOLF** - is now installed. read PUTTDEMO.DOC file... have fun!

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## PAPER IS PAPER ?

### PAPER IS PAPER, IS PAPER, IS PAPER!

I guess that pretty much was my attitude in regards to paper that I used in my good 'ol dot matrix printer. The only thing that I had to periodically attend to was the re-inking of my ribbons. Well, my concepts on paper changed drastically when I bought a HP 500 Inkjet printer. The first thing I found out was that my fan-fold paper didn't work too well with the Inkjet. You could see little tell tale signs of the ink bleeding out into the fibers of the paper.

Last fall after buying a color Inkjet printer I was in for another surprise. With great anticipation and excitement I printed out my first beautiful picture. I was not excited about the picture to say the least because the color was, well, rather dull. What I learned was this. If you want output from your color Inkjet printer that really grabs you, special coated paper is what it takes for those kinds of results.

More and more interest seems to be surfacing amongst members of our club to buy a color printer. There are several real good brands to buy but there is a very important factor you should not overlook. No matter how good your inkjet is your results will be mediocre if you use mediocre paper. Several of us have done quite a bit of testing and we have proved that spectacular results come from using a special coated paper I know what you are thinking. You're

thinking that this special paper is too expensive! I don't think so, especially when you spend several hundred dollars for a printer that has excellent output. Here is a practical suggestion. When you create your masterpiece use the inexpensive paper to check your creation in actual print. When you have made all of your corrections then you can pull out the "Silver Bullet" paper for your final printout. I think that you will find that the extra cost will be well worth it.

Reprint from the Sandwich Computer Users Group

## Editor's Note

By Larry Briggs



The Modem sig (Special interest group) held at my home last month was a huge success, there were seven members present including one lady. We logged onto American On Line, looked into a lot of nooks and corners, down loaded some files, and I think we all learned a little more. We were not successful in having my two computers (Amiga and IBM) talk to each other. Perhaps my communication programs were not compatible, more study is needed, or someone with more knowledge will come forward and help.

There will not be any Minutes this month, as John Hubbard is having Gaul bladder trouble and is scheduled to be operated on the 15th of May. Good luck John..

The news out of the Bahamas is good, The report is, that EsCom a firm in Germany has bought the rights to the Comodore name and the rights to manufacture the Amiga. I'm sure we will hear more soon.

The two articles PAPER IS PAPER & WINDOWS TIP are reprints from SCUG. I did not have to retype them, I ran them through a scanner and used an OCR so that the articles could be transferred to an word processor. I then imported them into the newsletter. sounds complicated but it is real easy.

## THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper

Sorry I have been away so long but I have been a bit under the weather as they say for a little over a month now. Seems there was something going around that starts with flu symptoms then changes to a virus that attacks the respiratory system. According to my doctor it can linger around from 4-6 weeks. I believe him I am starting my sixth week.

But now for the really bad news, I called Amigaworld about five weeks ago only to find that they were closing up shop, they could not wait any longer for the snails in the Bahamian court to come to a decision concerning the rights to the Amiga. Oh well another bites the dust. According to Amigaworld, if you are currently a subscriber you should be getting a letter in the mail explaining the situation and giving you a choice of magazines to finish your subscription with, you can choose either Digital Video Magazine or Amiga Computing. The latter published in the U.K..

Question for anyone who might know. Is a SCSI hard drive a SCSI drive whether it is hooked up to an Amiga, a Mac or a PC. Just curious because up at work they just purchased a LaCie 570 meg external drive for \$350.00 which sounded like a very good price with a footprint not that much larger than an external floppy with built in terminator.

Also using PCTask on my Amiga 3000, can I purchase an Amiga based CDROM drive and run non-windows based but MSDOS based software from it. Also can I use my RGB monitor with it or will I need to somehow install a VGA card and get a VGA monitor, if so might as well just get a dos or mac machine,

By the by I recently read in Amazing Computing that PCTask 3.0 has been released and supports Windows. I wonder how fast though.

OK Amigaphiles what does the date April 29, 1994 mean to you, if you guessed that was the day liquidation proceedings started in the Bahamas you are right.

Now in a news released dated March 13, 1995 a contract was signed by Escom Akitengesellschaft of Bochum Germany to purchase all of Commodore's technology, patents, trademarks and inventory according to Amazing Computing March/April 1995 page 59.

Now as we all know this is just too easy, rest assured this does not assure Escom of anything other than the ability to say they are the front

runners at this time. Actually Commodore was worth even less than I had supposed as the gross purchase price was 5 million dollars, 4 million for patents, trademarks and technology, and 1 million for inventory. The article goes on to say that an auction for the liquidation items will be in mid April.

Just want to let you know that your ever vigilant reporter has been able to ascertain through stealth, cloak and dagger techniques and a call to the Amazing Amiga offices that the date for the auction is April 20, 1995 in New York, New York. Can this finally be the end of our long ordeal. Oh well we shall see.

## Late-Breaking News!

April,25 1995

The soap opera-like drama about the dissolution of Commodore appears to be over. A German company called EsCom has made the final bid for Commodore's technological assets. They have stated they will be shortly starting production of Amiga computers once again! This should be great news for those who have appreciated what the Amiga has brought to the computer world.

## WINDOWS TIP

While it's handy to assign icons to DOS apps so you can launch them from Program Mgr, PROGMAN.EXE's paltry selection of generic icons makes it hard to tell one DOS program from another. But there are more icons hidden in Windows than you may know about.

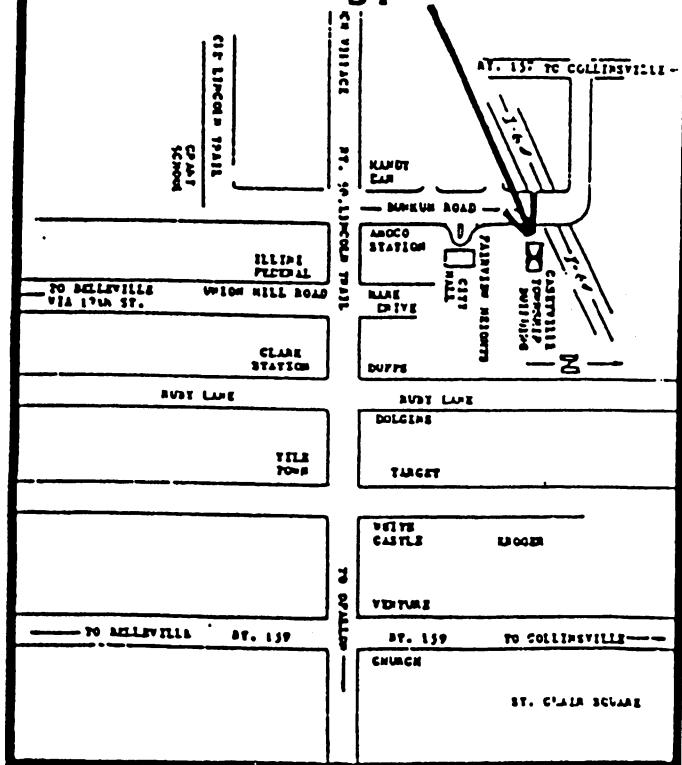
To dig up and survey your treasure trove of icons, highlight the program item needing a new icon in Program Manager and select "File-Properties" (or press **<ALT><ENTER>**). Click the "Change Icon" button (if the 'no icons available' dialog box appears, select OK. Click Browse, and then double-click the "moricons.dll" file from your Windows directory to see an additional icon set. Scroll through the icons until you see one you like and select OK twice and new icon will replace the icon you wanted changed. You can "browse" any EXE, ICO or DLL file for more icons.

If you are really crazy for icons, let me know. I have 4 -3 1/2" disks full and will copy them for you for \$2 and you supply the disks.

Ron Martini, SMUG Librarian

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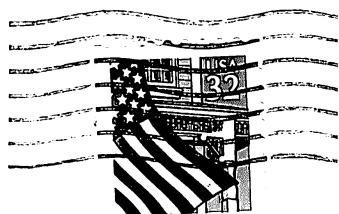
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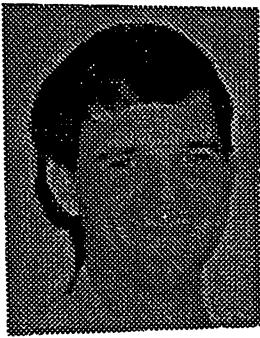
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By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

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via America On-Line's new Web Browser that I mentioned last month. It was fun and educational. There are some very interesting sites on the Web if you know the addresses. I'm sure a lot of the SIG members went home after our get together and explored the Web in more detail.

#### **DEMO THIS MONTH**

This month we are going to begin the MicroSoft Word training that we did not do last month. I'll try to get the training videos and an overhead projector for the demonstration. If we like the tapes, I can get training tapes for MicroSoft Excel (Spreadsheet) and MicroSoft Access (Database) for future demonstrations. Please plan on attending, I promise that this month we will do the training tape.

#### **TECH TIP / NEW PROGRAM OF THE MONTH**

Last month I used this section to talk about how to find a file that has been misplaced on your hard-disk. Since the last newsletter, I downloaded and installed a program called WizManager (No... It is not something you use to manage your bathroom activities...) It is an add-on to the file manager found in the Windows operating system. It adds a series of buttons and a new pull-down menu to your existing file-manager screen. It has an un-install program if you do not like the new look and would like to remove it.

Anyway... WizManager has a bunch of built in features that I like a lot... It has a button that initiates the search function that I talked about last month. It also has a search function that will actually look inside your files

and find every file that uses a specified word or symbol that you would like to find. In addition to these search functions, it has a FIND DUPLICATES button that many members (like Larry our editor) have been looking for. This Find Duplicates button searches your drive and finds every duplicate files and brings them up in list form showing all the files and their locations. After it creates the list, you can use the COPY,MOVE,LAUNCH,DELETE or other keys to manipulate the files right from the list screen. I recently used this to scan my hard-disk and found that I had inadvertently copied some files onto my hard-disk twice. I made sure that I did not need the extra copy and then deleted them. I saved a bunch of space on my hard-disk and cleaned up my system at the same time. I'll have this program at the next meeting and I'll try create a special IBM disk with the share-ware version of the program by the meeting date.

#### **Joke of the Month**

Through the pitch-black night, Captain Tomlinson sees a light dead ahead on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east." The light signals back: "Change yours, ten degrees west." Angry, Captain Tomlinson sends: "I'm a Navy Captain!!! Change your course, sir!!!" "I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir." Now Captain Tomlinson is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm NOT changing course!" There's one last reply, "I'm a lighthouse... Your call..."

(NOTE: Names, Ranks, and Military Branches have been changed to embarrass a club member... :)

See you at the meeting...

Mike

#### **Editor's Note**

By Larry Briggs

This month is devoted mostly to Amiga reports, and they are good reports. It seems that Amiga 4000 and 1200 machines will be up and running soon. So hold onto your Commodore stock!

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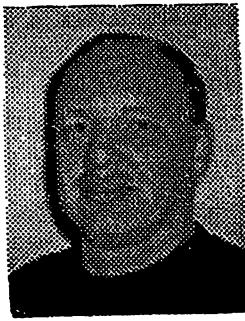
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## Amiga D.O.M. June 95

by Jim Tomlinson



**DiskMon** - DiskMon is a powerful set of tools for the Amiga that provides a block editor, file editor, Optimizer, Undelete, CD player, Track repair function and many other capabilities. Unfortunately, the documentation is not in English so I cannot tell you of its many virtues.

**Puzzle** - This is a simple puzzle game. You have square pieces and you move them around to make the picture. It is all mouse driven. You can show the picture (remember to press the left mouse button to return to the puzzle) It is a simple program that doesn't keep track of whether you have completed the puzzle or not.

**RunList** - RListN, RListB and RListS are small tools helping to run programs. They are all the same, differ only by size in order to meet ones need.

## MS-DOS D.O.M. June. 95

Ken Welker



### LVIEWP18.EXE & LVIEWP.INI

Copy these files into your windows directory. LViewPro 18 is an excellent viewer for GIF, JPEG, TIFF and other picture formats. It will also allow you to modify files. This is a must have program.

### CIMAGE31.EXE

The Complete Image v3.13 <ASP> Batch files make it a powerful tool for animation projects. Command line interface for more flexibility. Features include: read/write/merge/convert TGA/IMG/BMP/GIF/IPI/PCX; complete VESA support; online help; filters (over 100 built in); gamma corr., contrast enhancement; terrain maps for ray tracers; fractals; image arithmetic; "Blue-screen",

And so much more! Requires: [386DX+/4MB+]

### DMAN.EXE

welcome to play Diamond Man!

The idea of the game is to pick up as many diamonds as you can. To exit the level pick up the key and go to the exit. In shareware version there is only three levels and one live.

### DQWIK211.EXE

**DiskQwik v2.11:** Device Driver exclusively designed for AT/IDE Hard Disk Drives that activates the drive's MULTIPLE SECTOR BLOCK TRANSFER MODE. Boost the drive's Data Transfer Rate by 25% to 45% !! This version now supports both drives, Windows compat, and a block size of 1 for older drives. Includes IDE Inquiry util and an excellent DTR test to measure the results. Replaces v2.10. Req: 286+CPU. Dustbowl Designs, Inc. (Date 8/04/94) Shareware -AV

## AMIGA Special Disk for June 1995

**Team 17 Demos** - Here are some demos from Team 17 that include the new KingPin and a rolling demo of Alien Breed 3D(only runs on A1200 machines).

## THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper

Time for another stirringarticle, if only I had something stirring to write about. Oh well let's try this, according to Amazing Computing Escom is starting production of the Amiga and is planning to have 4000's and 1200's in the stores in Europe by September with them hopefully hitting our shores six to seven months later. Bad news is that in order to expedite getting Amigas back on the store shelves they will gear towards the '40 machines rather than look towards the '60 machines or possibly a RISC chip.

On a personal note I just purchased a Supra Express 144 Plus Fax Modem. Looks sharp but everytime I try to log on the speed drops to 2400, now it drops before making contact and according to the Fantasy Island BB I am reliably connected at 14.4. Diego and I both think it could be line noise, any other suggestions.

Also on a personal note I am selling my Amiga 500 and one external drive for \$120.00 if any one is interested. I also have a Mac Plus with external disk drive that I would like to get \$100.00 for. I am saving for another computer and could use the money. In case you are wondering I am keeping my Amiga 3000 till it rolls over and dies, I still have some pride.

# AMessage of intent from Dr. Peter Kittel

Escom's new head of Engineering for the Amiga

A message of intent from Dr.  
Peter Kittel

Most important item first: I have my job, and it's the of the world-wide boss of engineering. Yes, I know, I start into a very difficult task, as successor of real celebrities. OTOH I had eleven years time at Commodore to study what is the wrong strategy and which leads to success. I will spend all effort to avoid these known errors.

And now for the big picture: There will be founded a new, completely selfstanding daughter company of Escom AG. It will have own rooms at an own address in Heppenheim. It will be the headquarter of the new company, with control and coordination for the whole world. One subsidiary will exist in any case in the Netherlands, and it will do Europe-wide distribution and sales. Further country subsidiaries are not impossible. Yet there are no concrete decisions about UK, USA, and Canada in particular.

The new company is yet to be founded, but this is currently in the works with great effort. The name is not yet decided, it will probably be something like "Commodore-Amiga" or 'Amiga-Commodore" or the like. This company will (at least for the time coming) care exclusively for the Amiga model palette.

As can be inferred from the first paragraph, there will be an engineering department, for hardware and OS software. For this there exist already promising contacts with well-known and well-reputed names. Yet there's no problem if someone feels obliged to send his resume (no email or fax, please) to

Escom AG  
Personalabteilung  
Tiergartenstr. 9

D-64646 Heppenheim

Germany

You see, we consider ourselves an international company. Of course we only want the best ones

Further there will be a Support department which will do world-wide coordination, but also covers the german area. Thus most of these people should be german-speaking. The Amiga Developer Support Program ADSP will get reactivated ASAP. About those developers currently using BIX or CIX, we have not yet decided. These people should feel free to contact me directly at this private account (no company one \*yet\* existing) and giving some input. In the past years there was a split among the developer community into different communication channels. Thus no direct communication of the developers among each other was possible, and for engineering this meant double work to explain the same issues once on one net and then additionally on another net. We will do everything to avoid this nonsense in future. There are big obstacles, as there are big cost differences in different regions of the earth, and simultaneously a high degree of confidentiality has to be maintained. - Enduser support will happen mostly in electronic form, via mailbox, Internet, and probably also Btx.

Of course there will be also a Marketing department and what is needed in admin. All together this will be a rather slim company of 50 people at first, but a further expansion is of course not impossible.

It is planned to restart production of the last current model palette, probably in full scale, but no guarantee yet for this. Also of course not all models will appear at the same time again, one after the other. As Escom has an own powerful casing production, they will perhaps get a redesign of their styling, in any case

for the A4000, but the hardware under the hood remains unchanged at first. First diverse contributing factories on earth have to revive their production of parts. New developments would mean additional months of waiting, before you could buy the products. That would be too big a sacrifice.

The direction of the new engineering department will definitely be the port to some RISC platform. The choice of this RISC is still open. There are ecstatic advocates for at least two alternatives, PPC and HP PA RISC. Chris Ludwig gave an interesting interview about this. It will be the first task of engineering to prepare this choice of paths into the future with all possible expertise.

It has been decided to be very liberal in regards of licensing in the future. So, whoever wants to build e.g. an Amiga Laptop or a set-top box, can get chips and OS!

As you all see, much of this is still a letter of intent. The points which are declared as still open are \*really\* open, so there's no use in bombarding me with further questions.

As my work load, at least now in the building phase, will be immense, I can't guarantee my presence on the net like before. But who knows me, knows that That would be most painful for me myself. So let's look forward.

In the next weeks there will be press conferences to tell more and more details.

Long live the Amiga and for a good cooperation,

Best Regards, Dr. Peter Kittel

Downloaded from the internet, no date was given. ed.

# THE SUMMARY OF EVENTS

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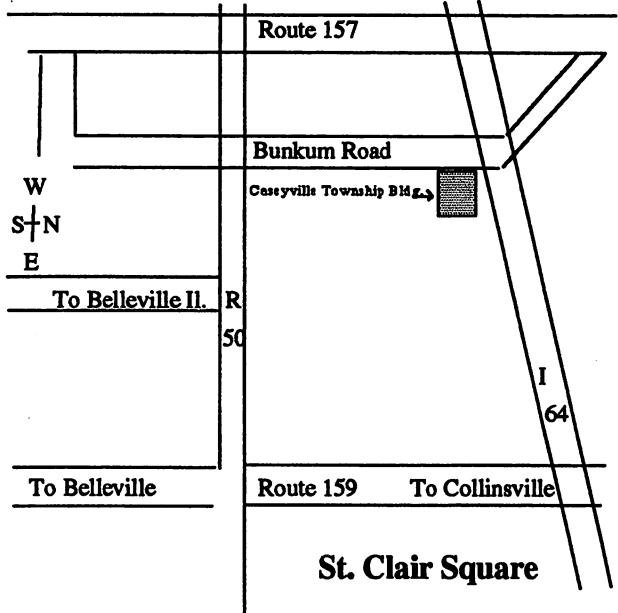
Escom has increased its bid to \$10 million, which is acceptable to them.

The deal is approved.

[My sources indicate that Alex Amor and Dell disappeared fairly quickly after lunch.)

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**of the Gateway Computer Club**

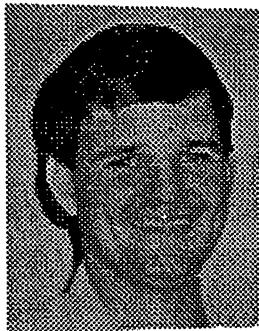
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## **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

**M O D E M   S I G**  
(Special Interest Group)

The date for the next modem SIG meeting is July 22nd. Originally, the meeting was going to be at my house, but I recently got an offer from Pat Whalen to have it at his house. The 22nd is after the next general meeting so we'll see if it is still o.k. when we see Pat at the general meeting.

### **DEMO THIS MONTH**

This month we are going to continue the MicroSoft Word training that we did last month. I have the training videos and software required for the training. The next section deals with using macros and how to write your own macros. I think a lot us would use macros if we knew how to write them.

### **GARDENING**

I've been doing a lot of gardening lately... The tomato plants are starting to bear fruit. The flowers are blooming. The raspberries are getting ripe. Doesn't sound like a computer club article so far... Well I have also been using my computer to keep track of my plants. I've tried a bunch of programs that are part of the public domain and I'm also using MicroSoft Access to keep a database of

information about my plants. I keep track of when they bloom, how big they get, what color the flowers are...etc. etc. etc. If anyone would like a copy of the gardening/flowering plant programs that I've been downloading/using , just let me know at the next meeting and I'll put them on a disk. Summer is usually when the computer gets abandoned for other outdoor activities...but ... if it rains or is too hot...have fun and fire up the old computer and use it to help you keep track of your plants...

### **Joke of the Month**

A lady goes into a pet store and sees a talking parrot sitting on a swing in it's cage. The parrot has been marked down to well below the normal price. Unable to resist a bargain, she buys the bird and takes it home. Once home, the bird starts repeating a single phrase over and over.."Hello, my name is Polly, I'm a swinger and I'm looking for a good time!!!". Not knowing what to do, the lady asks her priest for suggestions. "Don't worry", he said "I have two birds that pray the rosary and say Hail Mary's all day." "Just bring your bird over and I'll leave her with my birds and maybe that will straighten her out." That night at the rectory... The lady puts Polly in the cage with the two praying birds and Polly immediately yells "Hello, my name is Polly, I'm a swinger and I'm looking for a good time." One of the birds stops praying and says to the other praying bird, "Drop your beads Pete our prayers have been answered!!!"

See you at the meeting...

Mike

# Reports

## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not-for-profit organization of like-minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and monthly Bits & Chips Newsletter.

Direct all membership applications and questions to the Gateway Computer Club c/o Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234

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## Membership Report

Larry Briggs

Lets all give a big welcome to new members. Joseph Whalen.

THANKS AGAIN for continuing Their membership with us. Betty Feigenbutz.

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this Coming meeting. None.

These Members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. None

If you have any questions about your membership, See Larry Briggs at the meeting, or call 345-0220.

## The Officers

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## Treasure's Report

By Ken Welker

BALANCE JUNE 1, 1995.....\$418.09

I D.O.M. CARDS.....\$ 20.00  
N D.O.M. DISKS.....\$ 8.00  
C BLANK DISKS 3.5.....\$ 140.00  
O BLANK DISKS 5.25.....\$ 0.00  
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 30.00  
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JUNE INCOME.....\$ 206.00

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E POSTAGE.....\$ 12.80

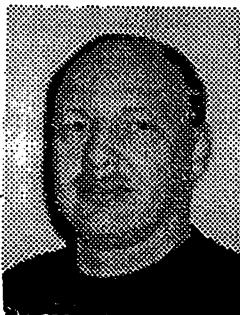
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JUNE EXPENSES.....\$ 32.80

CURRENT BALANCE.....\$ 469.29  
AS OF JULY 1, 1995.

## Amiga D.O.M. June 95

By Jim Tomlinson



**AFile** - AFile is a data file manager, that is a tool which lets you create and manager your files (addresses, video collections, clients, etc...) using an Intuition interface. There is no limitation to the number of fields or records. The program offers the standard printing, sorting, and data importing/exporting functions. AFile uses AREXX as it's programming language. You can create full input masks with background picture, field positionning, checking of entered data, menus and printing customization.

**ART-Pro** - Have you ever been looking for a tool that cross-converts graphics in several popular formats, enables powerful color and image control, allows you to cut brushes and offers saving them in various formats, such as binary, link-object, source code, IFF, etc. - supporting all the additional AGA features, such as AGA sprites, and copperlists? With ART-Pro, you've found a program to satisfy these needs. Or let's say you've found another one, due to the fact that there are numerous programs offering some of these features as well. So why should I use ART-Pro then, you may ask. The idea behind ART-Pro is to combine image format conversion with IFF-to-Raw conversion for programmers with powerful image and color processing with a well-designed and comfortable graphical user interface.

**BRun** - BRun is a very simple program which will start any other CLI program in a totally separate CLI. BRun works a bit like Run with input/output redirected to NIL:. The best part about it is that unlike Run with redirection; BRun doesn't fail!

**CDisk19B** - CompressDisk is a disk doubling package based on an Exec device. It allows you to create virtual partitions on your hard-disk which are usable like normal partitions, but with the great advantage that every file that you write in them is automatically compressed (and obviously, it is decompressed whenever you read it back). Files stored on virtual partitions can be rewritten (even partially) and applications can even Seek() into them as with usual files.

**DosWedge** - Patches into several functions in dos.library to make AmigaDOS a more Unix like environment. You are able to use ... ~ and ~username just like under unix. Also optionally you may use /dev for dev:.version 2.13

**MemCheck** - MemCheck is a program to test your memory for hardware errors - and to prevent them from affecting your other programs. It tests each individual memory circuit by attempting to switch all the bits in memory into the opposite state then reading them to find out whether they actually have taken the other value. Thus each bit is toggled and any hardware errors will be found. After testing the memory is restored to its original state. Because fiddling with the whole of the memory would tend to irritate other programs (to say the least!) all other programs are paused while it runs.

**PointerEyes** - PointerEyes places a pair of eyes on the title bar of the public screen of your choice. The eyes will look at your pointer as you move it around the screen, periodically blinking, rolling, or going to sleep when you don't move the mouse for a while. It will also monitor the env:sys directory for any changes so that if it is on the workbench screen, the screen can close and reopen when preferences are changed. You can also have the eyes follow you and jump from public screen to public screen.

**xInstall** - xInstall is a GUI-based, extended Install-command.(GUI: @ {b} G@ {ub} raphic @ {b} U@ {ub} ser @ {b} I@ {ub} nterface)OR: you can install @ {"bootblocks" link "bootblock" 0} to floppy disks without typing any command in CLI or Shell (like the good old Install). You can install 5 internal Bootblocks or your load and file-saved bootblock and install it.

## AMIGA Special Disk of the Month for July 1995

By Jim Tomlinson

**APlayer1.21** - The Accessible Player (APlayer for short) is about the best sound player ever made. Capable of playing music and sound files from nearly every machine out there, it provides the best flexibility.

# MS-DOS D.O.M. July. 95

Ken Welker

Tom McDonald

**INSTALLATION:** type in the filename found on the disk.

## Cruise 2.0 (The Internet)

A demonstration of access to internet. Works like a CD-ROM but none is required. If you are interested in how the Internet works then this Windows Program is for you.

## FoneFile v5.0

**Name & Address Database.** Full featured database for maintaining your address lists. TSR option gives you instant PopUp access to your data without leaving your current DOS application!

Automatically sorts names and phone numbers alphabetically. Maintain up to 998 separate files with 800 names each. Prints labels, rolodex, post cards and Mail merge files. Mouse support.

## MyBASE, 2.1 0

MyBASE is a very powerful and easy to use PC database package! Use it in DOS or Windows to; view, edit, sort, search, group, filter, replace, copy/paste, merge, print, fax or export data in many ways. Includes: on-line help, password access, programmable merge utility, automatic swap & run of external programs, telephone dialer, data entry validation, quick index and view setup, etc. from ARMADA SYSTEMS.

## SmartCat

(c) Oakley Data Services 1992/3 All rights reserved. The ultimate Windows Disk/CD Cataloger. MDI, ZIP, ARJ etc. support. Multiple mergeable catalogs. Unique extension concept allows analysing any format file to determine internal files or grab comments. Great searching capabilities. Label printing, WIN3.1 sound support, multiple display options, full font support. CSV export, 240 byte comments. Program launching, Virus Scans, File Printing, previewing & more!

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## THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper

In the everything old is new again department The Amazing Amiga Computing pamphlet ( a comment on the size of their June issue )

interviewed Manfred Schmitt the founder and 51% shareholder of Escom concerning the future of what was formally owned by Commodore. Herr Schmitt refused to comment on their plans for the American market, stating that there would be a forthcoming press conference concerning the American market and he did not want to comment until they had had a chance to pursue all their options. At the present time they are pursuing the P.C. market while in the process of creating the Amiga division. Escom will be using the Commodore name for a line of P.C. clones and in an interesting ( my opinion ) move they will be gearing up for the production of Commodore 64's to be sold as home computers in Russia and China. The idea being to introduce an inexpensive home computer that could be hooked up to a standard T.V. to introduce the concept to private citizens before offering the more advanced technology of Amiga's and clones.

The Amiga line itself will be divorced totally from the Commodore name and be a line unto itself, with the hope of offering 1200's and 4000's to the European market by Christmas. The press conference has taken place by this time and I have heard rumours of what was said i.e. a 4000T would initially be offered in the United States. I hope someone will have more on this either in this newsletter or at the meeting.

On a sadder note, Creative Computers has pulled it's support for the Amiga stating that if the Amiga makes a comeback they would reconsider. To be honest when the Amiga makes a comeback I hope it's not offered to them but that mutually lucrative deals can be worked out between Escom and those companies that have remained loyal.

Locally I would like to put in a plug for two local bulletin boards, one is of course our own affiliated Fantasy Island ( 254-6804 ) a very fine BBS which I frequent 3 or 4 times a week. Also Sages Tower ( 259-1844 ) which I am on just about every night. If any of you are familiar with Emerald Keep ( 394-0065 ), which was an Amiga board which recently went P.C., sold their equipment to Sages Tower so it is basically the old Emerald Keep just updated. I have been in contact with the sysop at Sages Tower and find him to be very friendly and responsive to suggestions to improve the board.

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The minutes are short this month as there was not a long business meeting, to make time for the demonstration of the video instructions on the Microsoft Word 6 wordprocessor program.

# The Internet

The Internet grew from a project to tie together a multitude of military computers world-wide. Once it became too large by universities tying into the "ARPANET" in the early 80's, the government split off the net into two parts. The military side was dubbed "MILNET" and the university/college side was called "INTERNET". INTERNET simply stood for Inter-campus Network and was used as a means of universities to share information.

The 1990's brought a lot of change to the Internet, most notably the introduction of private enterprise. The Internet now encompasses over 40,000 computer networks world-wide and grows by another 10% each month. Fully 85% of this new growth is private enterprise. A note for "NETSURFERS", all paths are case sensitive! With that out of the way, here are some sites to connect to.

## **MERIT ARCHIVE-**

Gopher://gopher.archive.merit.edu:7055/11/msdos

## **MOSAIC home page -**

<http://mosaic.mcom.com/home/welcome.html>

## **OAKLAND SimTel ARCHIVE -**

<ftp://oak.oakland.edu>

## **Washington University -**

<http://wuarchive.wustl.edu:80/pub>

## **Michigan State -**

<http://archive.egr.msu.edu/pub>

## **Nevada State -**

<http://archive.nevada.edu>

## **CICA Windows ARCHIVE -**

<ftp://ftp.cica.indiana.edu/pub/pc/win3>

## **ADULT ONLY!**

**PLAYBOY Magazine** - <http://www.playboy.com>

## **PENTHOUSE Magazine -**

<http://www.penthousemag.com>

## **HUSTLER Magazine -**

<http://hustler.onprod.com>

## **SEX Sources -**

<http://homepage.eznet.net/~patches/pointers.html>

## **Leland SEX -**

<http://leland.stanford.edu/~raistlin/king.html>

## **Mason's Sex surfer -**

<http://iglou.com/linkland/linkland>

## **CyberSex -**

<http://www.links.net/sex/>

## **Midnight Graffiti -**

<http://www.xmission.com/~nlifer/>

## **RedStar SEX -**

<http://www.cyberspace.com/chronos/erotica.htm>

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## **Editor's Note**

By Larry Briggs

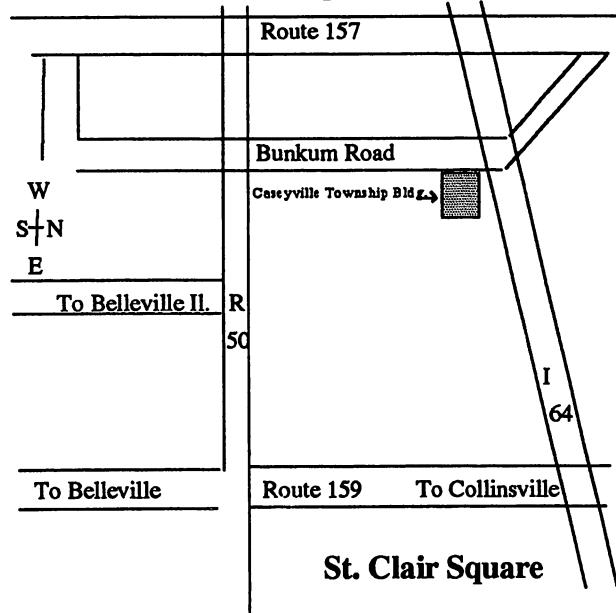
Here I am, pushed to the last page. I am very pleased that I am given articles from our members to help fill these pages. Without their help this would be a lost cause. This is a problem in most computer clubs, as well in most other type of clubs that print an newsletter to get anything to print that is interesting for the other members, I feel fortunate for the help I get, Thanks very much.

Mike will continue with the next chapter at the July meeting of the Microsoft wordprocessor tutorial, I lot of interest was shown last month and he intends to continue until the whole video is completed.

Mike also has an video of the Microsoft Excell, a spreadsheet. he will demonstrate this program if any interest is indicated. Let Mike know your desire.

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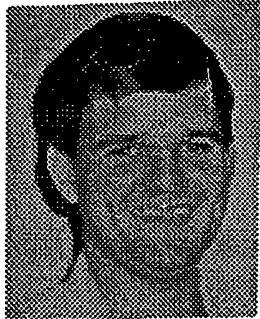
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## President's Page

By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

### MODEM SIG (Special Interest Group)

The date for the last modem SIG meeting was July 22nd. Nobody showed up at my house by 2 p.m. so Pat Whalen and I got together at his house and tried out his new 28.8k modem on his new 75 MHz Pentium. I must say that his system makes my 486 / 75 MHz system seem slow. We tried out Procomm Plus for Windows and a few other programs before the day was over. The next SIG meeting date will be determined at the August General Meeting.

### DEMO THIS MONTH

This month we are going to continue the MicroSoft Word training that we've been doing for the last two months. I still have the training videos and software. I think that we have learned a lot from the training. If anyone is interested in borrowing a training video between meetings, please let me know and I'll be sure to bring the tape you're interested in to the meeting.

### Utility Of The Month

WINTUNE is a program that measures your system's performance and then tells you how your computer compares to others in it's class. It also gives you a few tips on how to improve the performance of your computer by adjusting certain parameters and files on your system. I think everyone except the most advanced computer users can use a few tips on how to improve the performance of their computer. I know that the first time I ran a tuning utility on my computer, it found a few easy ways to improve the performance of my system. With WINTUNE you get an analysis based not only on your processor speed, but also on your video card and hard disk performance. WINTUNE

is available via America On-Line (Keyword WINMAG) or Compu-Serve (GO WINMAG). Try it out and see what you think.

### Joke of the Month

A preacher was asked to give a talk at a local women's health symposium. His wife asked about his topic, but he was too embarrassed to admit that he had been asked to speak about sex. Thinking quickly, he replied, "I'm talking about sailing." "Oh, that's nice," said his wife. The next day, at the grocery store, a young woman who had attended the lecture recognized the minister's wife. "That was certainly an excellent talk your husband gave yesterday," she said. "He really has a unique perspective on the subject." Somewhat chagrined, the minister's wife replied, "Gee, funny you should think so. I mean, he's only done it twice. The first time he threw up, and the second time, his hat blew off."

See you at the meeting...

Mike

### Editor's Note

By Larry Briggs

The Amiga is back and also the replacement for the Amiga World. Read more about this on page 4 & 5. An inventory was made on the items listed below and they will be disposed of to the highest bidder at next meeting night. Come one come all and reap the harvest. The 2002 Monitor has already been sold for \$50.00. I am sure that someone can use these articles that are in good condition.

One Star NX-10 printer.	One portable P.A. system.
One Amiga 500 Computer.	One Commodore 1902 Monitor.
One Commodore 2002 Monitor.	Commodore C128 Computer.
One Commodore 1571 disk drive.	One MSD dual disk drive.
One Commodore 1670 modem.	One Joy Stick.
One Photo Album.	Eight Video tapes
Six Mini Crates of C-64 DOM disks.	
350 blank 5 1/4" disks.	
441 blank low density 3 1/2" disks.	
535 blank high density 3 1/2" disks.	

Inventory taken on 7/19/95 by Bob Thurgood Jim Tomlinson and Ken Welker.

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Larry Briggs

Lets all give a big welcome to new members. None

THANKS AGAIN for continuing Their membership with us. None

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this Coming meeting. Marshall Bush, Richard Collins, Dick Koerper, Ken Nockta and John Sundstrom.

These Members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. None

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By Ken Welker

BALANCE JULY 1, 1995.....\$ 469.29

I D.O.M. CARDS.....\$ 0.00  
N D.O.M. DISKS.....\$ 8.00  
C BLANK DISKS 3.5.....\$ 0.00  
O BLANK DISKS 5.25.....\$ 0.00  
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 0.00  
E 50/50.....\$ 6.00

JUNE INCOME.....\$14.00

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X  
P NEWS LETTER.....\$ 19.60  
E POSTAGE.....\$ 12.80  
N VIDEOP TAPES.....\$ 5.35

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JUNE EXPENSES.....\$ 37.50

CURRENT BALANCE.....\$ 431.79  
CASH.....\$ 14.00  
TOTAL.....\$445.79  
AS OF August 1, 1995.

# Amiga D.O.M. Aug. 95

By Jim Tomlinson



**DB** - db is a small and fast database program with font sensitivity and a standard GUI look and OS 3.0 behaviour. db will only run on AmigaOS 2.04 or higher. db needs at least AmigaOS 2.1 to use localized languages. db

needs to have the whole database in memory to run which limits the number of records to what the memory allows. However modern computers like the Amiga with, say 2 MB of memory, will typically allow databases with more than 5000 records; enough for most uses.

**DPOKER** - DeLuxe Poker is a Video Poker game. DeLuxe Poker requires version 2.1 of the Amiga operating system or higher, and muimaster.library.

**EASYCALC** - \* **FAST!** A major design goal was to produce a spreadsheet that would leave all those slow Amiga ones (commercial and PD) behind. Even if you "only" have a 68000 Amiga with 1.3 you should find that you are never left waiting for the screen to redraw or recalculate. If you have an A1200 or similar then it flies! \* Easy to use. Spreadsheets are fantastic programs that can really change your business if you know how to use them. However getting past that initial barrier of "what do I type to add this column?" is hard. I have added as much help as is possible without making the program unusable. Hopefully there is enough to get you through the initial barrier. \* Features you need. A program like Lotus on the PC can cost upto 500 and have hundreds of options/features. In EasyCalc I have only implemented the common and useful functions. If you want to complain remember what you paid for EasyCalc! \* Co-processor support. I'm not sure about this one. But I think on WB2.0 if there is a co-processor fitted then the maths libraries will use it. Even without a co-processor the program recalculates very quickly. I use single precision numbers. Although this means you can't

have 16 dec.places accuracy, it makes normal operation 100 times faster then double precision. \* Uses reqtools. This is a standard Amiga library. This gives you WB2.0 style requestors that are easy to use, whether you have 2.0 or not. \* 160 Columns when printing. \* No stupid assigns are needed. \* Intelligent! For example if you try to delete a block of cells you will be asked to confirm it. However if you only want to delete one cell the program doesn't bother you. Also if you enter a date into a cell it automatically recognizes it and processes it as a date.

## Two Computers and Two Printers

By Larry Briggs

We all started out with one computer and one printer but, when the Amiga looked like it was to be no more, some of us bought an IBM clone and still retained the Amiga. This is what happened to me. That is when the trouble started when you have both computers hooked to the printer. You had to switch the cable from one computer or the other, very unhandy to say the least.

The likely solution was to buy an manual switch box, I did, and as you well know, all units must be turned off when switching from one computer to the other. How many times did I turned the switch without thinking, and blew the CIA chip in the amiga, I got very good at changing that chip at \$12.00 a chip.

I then added a color printer and I knew that something better than a manual switch box was in order. One day I was at Best Buy store, and browsing thorough the isles I found the answer. A product called Print Share looked to be the answer. I brought the package home and hooked it up and it worked like a charm.

The set consists of two transmitters that plug into the printer port on the computers and two receivers that plug into the printers, they are connected with cables furnished with the kit, the cables look similar to telephone cables but are not the same. The cables that are furnished must be used. The cost is about \$95.00. For two computers and one printer the kit cost \$ 65.00. It works fine, all you have to do is use the printer driver for the printer you are going to print to, and it does. No more flippin switches.

## MS-DOS D.O.M. Aug. 95

Ken Welker



### MJWIN.EXE

Well, it's finally finished -- Mah Jongg for Windows. If you've used my Mah Jongg -V-G-A-, you should have little trouble getting up to speed with this new game. It incorporates most of MJVGA 3.1's function set. Please note

that I consider this to be a new product rather than an "upgrade" to MJVGA. I seriously question whether a Windows version is an "upgrade" or a "downgrade." However, due to the popularity of Windows, I've gotten a LOT of requests for this product. So, here it is!

### UBJ35.EXE

Ultimate Blackjack vn1.0 <ASP> Animated, interactive blackjack simulation. This fully animated simulation allows you to learn the game as it entertains. You'll never be bored playing blackjack again. Set the number of decks, change the playing rules to match most casinos. Use a built in Tutor and card counting system. Check game statistics and much more.

### WSC-222B.EXE

VirusScan for Windows McAfee, Inc. Scans and cleans PC's/LAN's for known and new viruses. Requires Windows 3.1+. Version 222 (0611) 6/11/95

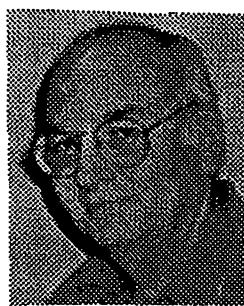
## Amiga Special D.O.M. Aug95

**TAG** - TAG is a 2-player shoot em up where you fly around a huge playing field and blast your opponent! Simple, but very addictive! Written in AMOS it should provide you and an opponent many hours of fun.

**AmegaRace** - You remember back in the old days in 1982 when you were playing OmegaRace on your VIC-20 and thought it was the best game ever made? Well, this Hires interlaced version of the game for Amigas is the best version yet. The game runs in 640x512-mode (sorry, no NTSC version will be available) to avoid flickering and keep the screen refresh rate as high as possible (50 Hz most of the time).

## THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper



After waiting what appeared to be an inordinate amount of time, I finally received my first issue of Amiga Computing magazine. After the initial disappointment in obtaining the June issue in late July I opened it up and started skimming through it. My disappointment was instantly changed to elation (I am rather easy to please). I had fully expected since this was a United Kingdom magazine to be calling the bank trying to get exchange rates. First pleasant surprise, almost all the adds are not just priced in good old American dollars and cent but most of the advertisers are on this side of the pond (at least one right here in Illinois). Second surprise is that there are no doomsayers in this magazine, every contributor appears to be upbeat regarding the Amigas future. This needs to be tempered with the knowledge that the articles were written before the final sale of Commodores assets (I will refrain from using the first part of the word assets to describe anyone with the initials M.A. and who used to be a major executive at Commodore) to Escom of Germany.

On the down side the magazine itself appears to be rather pricey with an annual subscription rate of \$44.00 for just the magazine and \$70.00 if you want the cover disks. The price appears to be for 13 issues.

On the plus side though after lamenting the demise of Amigaworld I have to admit reading Amiga Computing I don't really miss Amigaworld at all except that it is an example of the state of affairs for the Amiga.

It is a well written upbeat magazine covering the gambit of Amiga computing from hardware to software to productivity reviews to graphic and sound reviews to game reviews. Suffice to say I will be sending in my \$44.00 for my subscription (never really been into coverdisks).

On a personal note, I have had my Amiga 3000 for over a year now and was very pleased with it. I ran out of blank disks the other day and in looking around I found a few America On Line try us out disks which to me are worthless but I figured they would format as low densities for my purposes. I had installed system 2.1 replacing my 2.04 a month or so ago. Much to my astonishment it formatted the disks as 1.76 meg high density disks. Evidently my 3000 came equipped with a high density drive, did this happen to anyone else?

## AMIGA PRODUCTION TO BE RESUMED IN U.S.

By DAN STETS

Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA -- In a surprise move, Escom AG, the German computer company that bought the remains of Commodore International Ltd., plans to start manufacturing Amiga computers in the United States by August.

The Amiga, a sophisticated personal computer that had multimedia capability years before competitors, has been out of production for more than 18 months.

Edward Goff, who works for Escom as a consultant, said he hoped to have Amiga 4000 model towers, which contain the main workings of the desktop computers, available for distribution by the end of August.

Escom had planned to restart making Amigas in China, or possibly Europe, but so far has been unable to work out a manufacturing agreement with a Chinese company. A European company has agreed to do some Amiga assembly.

The circuit boards for the computers will be produced by Zober Industries Inc., a contract manufacturer, in Croydon, Pa. The computers themselves will be assembled by Quikpak Corp. of Norristown, Pa.

Executives of the two firms said details of the manufacturing had not been finalized.

Goff was vice president and general counsel of Commodore. He and two former Commodore engineers now are working as consultants for Escom, with the assignment of starting production here.

Commodore, which had its North American headquarters in West Chester, Pa., went into liquidation in May 1994. Escom paid \$10 million for the company's core assets and technology in April.

At that time, Escom President Manfred Schmitt said he wanted to resume production of all Commodore products in China if possible. Commodore had last done its manufacturing in the Philippines.

However, Petro Tyschtschenko, general manager of a newly formed Escom subsidiary, Amiga Technologies

GmbH, said the Chinese would not be ready to begin manufacturing for at least a year.

Tyschtschenko said in a telephone interview last week that Escom wanted to produce 22,000 Amiga 4000s this year. The circuit boards for all the computers will be made in the Philadelphia area, and about 10,000 of the machines will be assembled near Philadelphia for the North American market, he said.

The remaining 12,000 circuit boards probably will be shipped to Scotland, where the computers themselves will be made by a contract manufacturer that used to assemble some machines for Commodore. These 12,000 machines will be sold in Europe, he said.

"I think we can start production in July or August," said Tyschtschenko. The company also hopes to manufacture 100,000 to 120,000 of the smaller Amiga 1200s this year in Europe for the European market, he said.

Escom has formed a separate Commodore subsidiary that will begin making multimedia computers based on Intel's Pentium microprocessor this year, Tyschtschenko said. These machines will be sold in Europe under the Commodore label.

"It is completely separated from Amiga," he said.

Goff said Escom was looking for alliances with companies interested in licensing Amiga technology for other applications, such as set-top boxes for television.

Escom also will be seeking the best way to further develop Amiga technology, Goff said. In the past, Amigas have appealed to the higher end of the computer market and have been used for video processing, especially in North America.

Downloaded on AOL, Amiga section. Ed.

**Happy Birthday**

Betty Feigenbutz 7/12

Larry Briggs 7/18

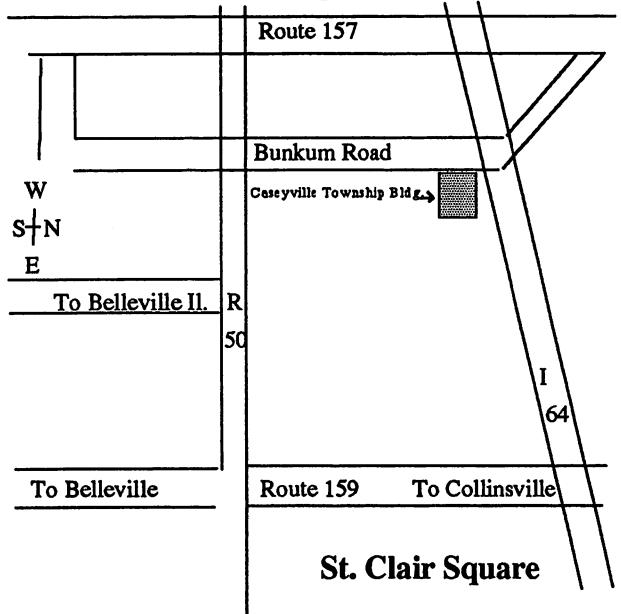
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At the Caseyville Township Building  
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## GCC Directory

### Next Meeting

Aug. 16th. 1995 7:00pm

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At the Western Sizzlin  
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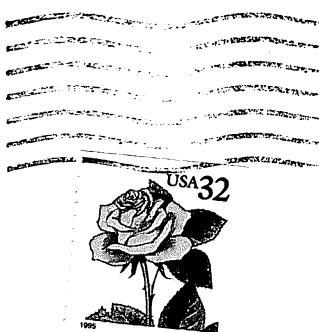
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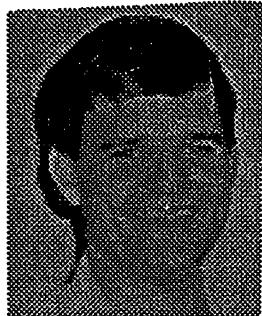
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## **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn



### **Hello from the Pres...**

#### **MODEM SIG (Special Interest Group)**

The members at the August meeting decided to wait until the September meeting to determine the date of the next MODEM SIG. I recently got a new PCMCIA

modem for my portable computer and it works great. It is a 14.4K modem and it fits neatly into the spare PCMCIA slot on my computer. It is amazing to think how small this modem is compared to the modems of yesteryear. I'll show everyone my modem at the general meeting and I'm sure you'll all be amazed.

### **DEMO THIS MONTH**

This month we are going to play the MicroSoft Word training video that was scheduled for the August meeting. The August meeting turned into an Auction and all other activities were re-scheduled. If anyone is interested in borrowing a training video between meetings, please let me know and I'll be sure to bring the tape you're interested in to the meeting.

### **Utility Of The Month**

**WINTWEAK** is a program that allows you to adjust some of the little known parameters associated with WINDOWS and DOS. If you are not already running WINDOWS 95, you may be interested. I ran this program and decided to adjust a few of my WINDOWS parameters based on the suggestions of this program.

I found last month's utility WINTUNE on AOL and downloaded it. I ran it on my system and it found a few things that I needed to adjust. My system is now running faster than it ever has and that's the way I like it. WINTUNE is available via America On-Line (Keyword WINMAG) or Compu-

Serve (GO WINMAG). Try it out and see what you think.

### **Joke of the Month**

A woman goes to a checkout lane at the local grocery store. As she opens her purse to pay for her groceries, the remote control for her television falls out and lands on the checkout lane's conveyor belt. The checkout lady asks the woman, "Do you always carry your TV remote?" "No," the woman replied. "But my husband refused to come grocery shopping with me, so I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him." (I was wondering where my remote was...???)

### **Quote of the Month**

"Las Vegas is LOADED with all kinds of gambling devices...Dice tables....Slot machines....and Wedding Chapels..."

Joey Adams in Reader's Digest

See you at the meeting...

Mike

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### **Editor's Note**

By Larry Briggs

I have Windows running now and like it very much, with a little practice it will be so much better than windows 3.1.

I had some trouble (see article page 3) but it seems that three other people I know have had very little. That's life in the computer world.

I can not find anything on the internet regarding the AMIGA and very little in the two magazines that I subscribe too. It seems like old times, that is what Commodore did, hide in the bushes. You would think that if they wanted to sell the new Amigas we would see some advertizing or someone shouting from the house tops.

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AUCTION.....\$242.50

August INCOME.....\$ 277.50

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P NEWS LETTER.....\$ 21.00  
E POSTAGE.....\$ 12.80  
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August EXPENSES.....\$ 33.80

CURRENT BALANCE.....\$ 665.49  
CASH.....\$ 10.00  
TOTAL.....\$675.49  
AS OF September 1, 1995.

## Amiga D.O.M. Sept.. 95

By Jim Tomlinson



**OFFENCEDEMO** - This is a great demo of a new game that will be coming out shortly. Really HOT!!!

**PDBASE** - PDBase has been made for people like me, who download thousands of files from their BBS and want to archive them on disks in an efficient way.

According to me, efficient means: \* Possibility to class files in different categories. \* Possibility of adding comments to each program. Actually, I bet you've already experienced this kind of situation, when a friend asks you: "what is this program aqs28kzp2.lha I've just found on your disk?" \* Easy updating of programs. \* And above all: maximum of automation.

**UFOs** - UFOS is a space combat game for two players. It's not very new idea or great game but it sure is classic. It's challenging game for people whose age is between 5-99 years. UFOS is tested on A500 and on A1200.

**WORDWRIGHT** - Wordwright is made up of a collection of four integrated packages, a word processor, an outliner, mail merge, and a set of general purpose utilities.

## Amiga Special D.O.M. Sept.95

**FASTVIEW** - FastView is a program which shows IFF, GIF, BMP, PCX and JPEG pictures on your screen. Of course many programs exist for this task, but this one is special because it is very fast and was designed with both OCS/ECS and AGA users in mind. For example: FastView can show HAM8 and IFF24Bit pictures on OCS/ECS machines in HAM which was one of the things I missed in all the other viewing-programs I've seen. FastView should run on any Amiga system with at least 512K RAM and one disk drive. FastView requires Kickstart V2.04 or higher to run. FastView is Kickstart 3.0 compatible and aware. It will use some V39 functions when available.

**FILEMASTER** - Shareware directory utility with internal multitasking, 1-8 user configurable directory windows and of course normal directory utility commands like copy, move etc.. Requires

OS 2.0 or higher.

**INFOCOM INTERPRETER** - InfoTaskForce is pleased to announce the release of version 4.01 of its popular Infocom datafile interpreter. It features:  
\* Integrated Infocom Interpreter for Z-Code versions 1-5 (that's right: play anything from Zork to Trinity to Beyond Zork with the one program)  
\* Game debugging tools, including - Object/Room tree listings - Real-time object movement notification - Real-time attribute change notification - Vocabulary listings - Header listings  
\* Documentation of Infocom datafile internals  
\* Extremely portable source code.

## Windows 95 Is Here ?



by Larry Briggs

I brought home windows 95 the day it was released and installed it, and that is when the trouble started, "as has been reported for many others that has installed it on their machines". I was advised by a computer guru that it would be better to format your hard drive and start from scratch with a clean drive. I did that and reinstalled MsDOS and windows 3.1, I then installed Windows 95 and everything was fine. I installed all of my programs and when I installed one that was not windows 95 compatible it told me that it could not put it in the registry, and displayed an error on the screen and crashed. I tried everything that was suggested in the manual, "Such as it is" to no avail. It allowed me to get back to the safe mode but the error was still there.

At this point, with my computer guru off on vacation, I had to "Clear the deck" I reformatted the hard drive again and started over. I put MsDOS and windows 3.1 back on and this time I decided I would install all of my software before installing windows 95. I had all of my software on and working fine and reinstalled windows 95. It got to the very end, just before the welcome window, it CRASHED again. I gave up and will take it to the computer store, and let them try to solve the problem. perhaps I have an defective computer component. I hope that is all that is wrong, I do want to use Windows 95..

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## MS-DOS D.O.M. Sept. 95

Ken Welker

by Tom McDonald

**PHOTODEX CORPORATION GDS**  
Graphics Program \*\*\* To configure GDS, type  
"GDS /CONFIG" at the command line, and let GDS  
guide you through the configuration process for  
your display system. ---> Use GDS /HELP for  
help from the command line. <---

**PROFESSIONAL CAPTURE SYSTEMS**  
\*\*\* DOSCAP DOS capture and WINCAP  
WINDOWS capture system for copying graphics  
directly from screen with HOTKEYS!

**DOS TOOL UTILITIES**  
\*\*\* SNOOPER DOCS are included.... (read...  
type VIEW SNOOPER.DOC)

**VIEW** File viewer... one of the better ones  
I've found.

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From page 3

Four days later.

Jack Shipley, my guru got back from his trip and spent a whole day working on my computer. He got it running real good after reformatting the hard drive again and installing MsDOS and Windows 95. I left it over night and the next day he tried to install an up grade tape drive and the trouble started again. By this time I was ready to pull my hair out "but with my crew cut I could not get a good hand full" So Jack went to work again and Finley got every thing going real good. I hope it will keep running like this from now on..

Do not let my problems keep you from installing Windows on your computer as some computers do not have the trouble that I had. The final results are great, I think it the next best thing to an AMIGA....

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**Happy Birthday**  
TO  
**Jim Tomlinson 9/17**  
**Ken Welker 8/24**

## THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper



Well I finally bit the bullet and bought a pentium computer. It's a Packard Bell and so far so good. We did have some trouble at first, when I turned on the monitor the on/off button stuck in the on position. Then when I tried to go online the modem would not recognize a dial tone ( considered to be not a good sign ).

We packed everything back up and made the trek back to Best Buy where we were treated very friendly and promptly handed a new system with there apologies. Kudos for Best Buy.

Bertha and I have been happily computing since, except I only have 35 minutes left to my ten free hours on AOL. We have Windows 95 installed as well as Microsoft Office for Windows 95. So for we have not run into any of the problems others seem to be having.

I have also logged onto the Microsoft Network, I feel that AOL is more people oriented but MSN offers a better deal. Twenty hours a month for \$19.95 with each additional hour being \$2.00 compared to AOL's \$9.95 a month with five hours free and \$2.95 for each additional hour. I will admit I am going to be on both but I would rather be on AOL if they offered the same deal.

When I suggested this to AOL I was told that they were working on a new pricing plan but it had not been finalized, hopefully it will be ready by August.

Rest assured that my trusty Amiga 3000 is still up and running on the other side of the room while my A500 is setup in the corner and still running.

I finally received another issue of Amiga Computing but to be honest I am not going to go into what Escom said they are planning to do because the magazine's information is three to four months old.

Should you wish to contact Amiga Computing directly but don't feel like facing your phone bill for calling England might I suggest going through your favorite Internet server and going to <http://www.demon.co.uk/amigacomp>.

Should you want to avoid the middleman, and should you happen to be fluent in German, you can contact Escom directly with <http://www.veronica.nl/escom/>.

Happy telecomputing!

# Microsoft moves against Windows 95 problem.

by Martin Wolk.

Sept. 1st.95 Microsoft Corp. moved quickly Friday to resolve a problem that has prevented thousands of customers from installing its massively-Publicized new windows 95 operating system.

Microsoft set up a toll-free telephone line to provide replacement diskettes for customers who cannot install the system because of what it said were undetected viruses already resident on some users computers.

While Microsoft executives and industry analysts said there is nothing wrong with Windows 95 itself, the glitch highlights difficulties faced by the software giant as it sells one of the first truly mass-market computer products.

Rogers Weed, a group product manager for Microsoft, said he believes the virus problems has affected fewer than one percent of people who have purchased the \$90 retail version of the Windows 95 upgrade.

But Microsoft already has sold more than one million units of the system in North America alone. Meaning thousands of users have experienced the problem.

And while the virus problem has accounted for only about five percent of customer complaints so far. Microsoft technical support lines have been jammed to capacity with 20,000 calls a day, mostly from users having trouble with installation and setup. Weed said.

Microsoft said it will increase technical support staff and expand hours over the Labor Day weekend. When call volumes are expected to be especially heavy. Microsoft also urged Windows 95 users to seek help through sites it has established on the Internet and commercial online services.

The installation glitch is caused by several viruses withnames such as STONED, MÖNKEY and ANTI-EXE, it said. Users whose systems are infected with one of the viruses get an error message after they insert the second of the Windows 95's 13 diskettes and must replace the diskette before completing installation.

Microsoft said it recommends that users upgrading to Windows 95 back up any important files and run virus-scanning software on their operating systems before beginning installation.

Symantec Corp. said it is making available FREE virus scanning software for users who are not protected by an anti-virus program and who are upgrading to Windows 95.

Symantec chief executive officer Gordon Eubanks said he thought between two and four percent of people attempting to upgrade are failing because of the virus problem.

When you sell hundreds of thousands of units ....that is an alarming number of viruses. Eubanks said.

Microsoft set up a special telephone number 800-207-7766 for customers who need replacement diskettes.

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## Quarterdeck Introduces 2-way voice product.

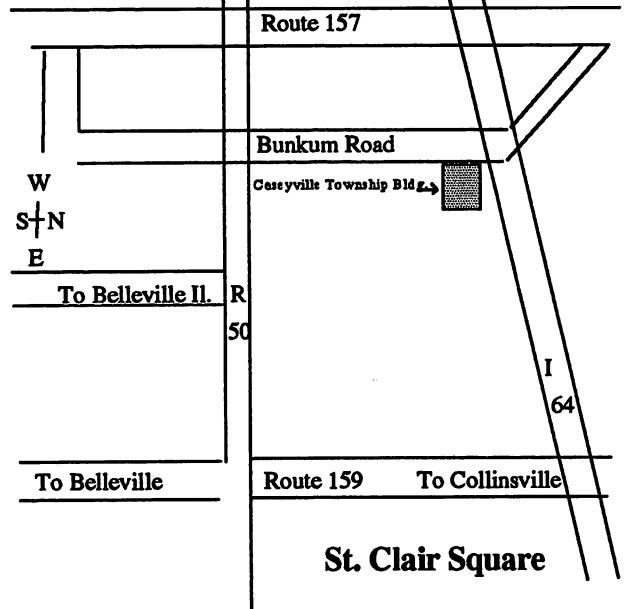
Quarterdeck Corp. said it planes to introduce a mass-market voice product that would deliver too-way audio connections over the internet

The worldwide Web-based product, called Quarterdeck Webphone(TM), would be available in retail stores this October, the company said.

Quarterdeck said Webphone offers full-duplex audio capabilities, providing sound that is two-way and comparable to that of a telephone connection. The company said it will ship a free copy of it's Web browser product, Mosaic with every Webphone.

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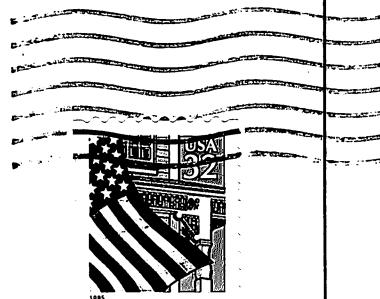
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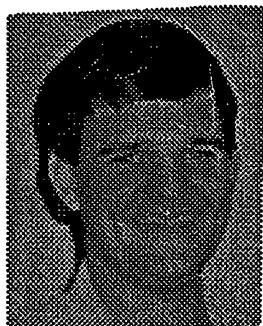
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## **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

### **MODEM SIG (Special Interest Group)**

The members at the September meeting determine that September 30th would be the date of the MODEM SIG meeting at

Larry's house. I unfortunately forgot about the meeting and never heard anything about it till Sunday the 1st of October. I'm sorry that I missed the meeting because we usually have a lot of fun. I hope everyone who went enjoyed themselves.

### **DEMO THIS MONTH**

This month we are going to continue on with the MicroSoft Word training video that we've been watching for the last few months. It seemed like a lot of people were interested in the video last month. (Or maybe it was the fact that I didn't pull the 50-50 ticket till after the video....Hmmm...) We had a few people interested in taking the videos home and a few that had already watched them at home. If anyone else is interested in borrowing the training videos, let me know and I'll be sure to reserve the tape you're interested in.

### **Game Cheat Of The Month**

I recently downloaded a file that contains the normal, combination, and other secret moves for the game Mortal Kombat 3. I downloaded the file so I could print it out and give it to my nephews who recently spent their money getting killed in the first two rounds at the local arcade. They pumped more than three dollars into the machine in less than 10 minutes. I figured that the moves and combination codes might help them last a little longer and get more for their money the next time they play. Soooo... If anyone would like a copy of the file (electronic or paper) please let me

know. I'll be glad to copy the information for anyone who is interested. By the way... The codes for all three Mortal Kombats can be found on America On-Line if you are interested.

### **Joke of the Month**

In the introductory Biology class at a Texas University, they had been studying human reproduction. For an exam, one of the questions was: "Female humans are born with a limited number of eggs, while males, during their lifetime, produce millions upon millions of sperm. Why are so many sperm produced?" One young woman's answer read: "Because they won't ask for directions, either."

### **Short Joke of the Month**

Did you hear about the high-tech ventriloquist? .... He can through his voice mail.

See you at the meeting...

Mike

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## **Editor's Note**

By Larry Briggs

### **Day Two:**

Last month I wrote about my bad experience with Windows 95. I'm glad that is past history. I now have a stable computer running Windows 95 and all of the programs work fine. The one exception, was with Word Scan, a program I use to scan an article, run it thorough OCR "Optical Character Recognition" so I do not have to retype it. I called the company and they sent me an upgrade "Free" that will run on Windows 95.

The whole problem I had was because the hard drive was bad, my guru found it right away, I had a suspicion that was my problem. He replaced it with a new one a no cost to me, as it was still under warranty.

I am very happy with Windows 95 as it does not hang up as much as Windows 3.1, if it does, all you have to

Cont. on page 4, Day Two.

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THANKS AGAIN for continuing Their membership with us. Ken Nockta and Ruth Shaw

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this Coming meeting Marshall Bush, Richard Collins, Dick Koerper, John Sundstrum, Mike Taphorn and Ken Welker.

These Members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. Scott Leathers..

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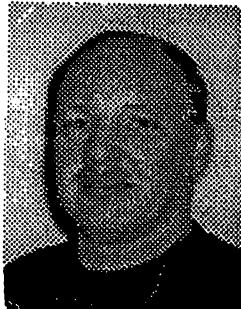
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CURRENT BALANCE.....\$718.09  
CASH.....\$ 10.00  
TOTAL.....\$728.09  
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# Amiga D.O.M. Oct.. 95

By Jim Tomlinson



## GFXCON -

GfxCon V1.7 is a image format converter that can load and save most formats:  
Load: ILBM, LBM, RGB8, RGBN, PCX, IMG, BMP, RLE4, RLE8, GIF, TIFF, JPEG, RGB-Raw, Targa. Save: ILBM, PCX, GIF, JPEG, RGB-Raw, Postscript.

## MCFILER

- This program was born to achieve a better way to catalogue and archive files on your floppies. It features functions able to fastly trace, view, unpack, rename, discard a file, as well as hide it from your list. From now on you'll have at your disposal two new routines, "FitDisk" and "SingleFit", which will allow you to optimize your collection of files to fit in the least possible number of disks. This program handles upto 2000 files in 300 disks. McFiler requires OS 2.0+ (v37+), "reqtools.library" v38+ and about 220Kb of free memory.

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## PACWAR

- A neat little game for two players with full online help.

# MS-DOS D.O.M. Oct. 95

Ken Welker



## BATLSTAR.EXE

BATTLESTAR v1.0 from Vivid Technologies...A true arcade type game featuring high resolution (VGA) vector and bitmapped graphics. Full SoundBlaster(TM) sound track and digitized sound effects. Fast action and very intense!

## BLOCKOUT.EXE

The game of BLOCKOUT for the IBM.

## CLEAN117.EXE

VIRUSCAN program and remove the virus with the CLEAN-UP program. They are intended to provide an emergency means to identify and remove an infection. They are not meant to replace the program documentation. Please read through the documentation for detailed instructions.

## FMW13.EXE

FormatMaster 1.3 for Windows - A Windows 3.1 floppy disk formatting utility that facilitates the formatting of 5 1/4" and 3 1/2" diskettes. Includes a check disk function, ability to view disk contents prior to formatting, and can make "boot thru" diskettes. User configurable.

## MBACK230.EXE

MegaBack version 2.3 from Patri-Soft A GREAT backup program designed to make your backups quick and easy! This new version of MegaBack is 25% faster! MegaBack has point & shoot exclude, interruptable full backup, data compression, full/incremental backups, EASY restore and more! Great compliment for tape or notebook backup. Very professional!

## MYOWNSS.EXE

Make Your Own Screen Saver allows you to choose up to 15 of your favorite bitmaps for alternate display. You can choose any interval from 10 seconds to 1 minute between displays. Make Your Own Screen Saver also provides password capability if you need to secure your PC.

## STRESS.EXE

What is Stress? Stress is a fun gimmick which lets a computer user show others just how stressed out he/she is at any particular time. The gauge displays a percent of user stress. When you break 80% a warning siren is sounded.

## WINHOG.EXE

analyzes your hard drive.

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### THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper

### Get your board and go Cyber-Surfing with me.

To paraphrase a song from the sixties, cyber or net surfing seems to be the latest fad, and I will admit that I spend a couple of hours an evening surfing myself ( man I need to get a life ).

Probably the worst part of cyber surfing is the waiting for graphics to load. I am using a 75 megahertz pentium with a 14.4 modem but a lot of pages still take an inordinate amount of time to load, and of course the more graphics intensive your destination the longer it is going to take. Delays can also be intensified by heavy traffic at either your server or the computer you are trying to log on to.

But what really chews up the time are all those phrases in blue on the different home pages. If you are even newer to the internet than I am let me explain that anything is blue is a hotlink to another site making it incredibly easy to spend hours without realizing it just linking from one site to another without any realization of the time you are spending doing the jumps. It can become the neverending story.

There are many ways to tie into the internet, these include going through national online services such as America Online which has a very smooth almost

seamless interface to the net, and Micro Soft Network which I found to be a nightmare to try to access the World Wide Web with.

There are others like Portal, Delphi, Compuserve, Prodigy and Genie that I am alas unfamiliar with and cannot adequately give an opinion of.

My major concern with using a national online service is just how cost effective are they. Please don't misinterpret me, if you are an occasional user, using it five or less hours a month, these are excellent deals. If you are not interested in the internet these are excellent deals. But let's say you want to use the internet quite often, around ten hours a month how good of a deal are they then. Using the two I am familiar with let's find out. AOL charges \$9.95 a month and allows you five free hours a month charging \$2.95 an hour for every hour over that. Using our ten hours per month scenario this would come to  $9.95 + 5(2.95)$  or \$24.70 per month. MSN charges \$4.95 per month with three free hours and \$2.50 for every hour above that. That would come to  $4.95 + 5(2.50)$  or \$22.95 per month.

There is another way and it is to use a dedicated internet provider such as EZLink ( voice # ( 618-659-3206 ) or Basenet ( voice 1-800-638-6373 ). Both of these have local access numbers so it is a local phone call.

They do charge a one time startup fee of \$25.00, this includes signup fee, software, and technical support. There fee after that is \$20.00 a month. That would be 20+unlimited online time(0) or \$20.00 dollars a month.

So what is the best deal using a national online service or a dedicated internet server. Well it all depends on what you are looking for, if what you want is up to the minute news, weather, stock reports, lively conversation, software updates and can do all that in around five hours then the national online service is for you. But if you are interested in doing some serious surfing dudes, and want unlimited time to do it in, then the direct connect is the approach you want. As for me I am a member of America On Line where I can be reached at rkoerper@aol.com, and a subscriber to EZLink where you can reach me at rkoerper@ezl.com. Catch you on the waves.

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### Day Two

do is hit "alt,cont,del" and a requester comes up asking if you want to end the task, and it puts you back where you were, you do not have to reboot. Very nice..

The modem Sig held at my home must have been forgotten by some of the members, but we still had a lot of fun, we logged onto American on Line and GNN and found some things we liked and downloaded..

There are no birthdays to report this month. I'm sure there are some of you have birthdays, let me know.

# Intel Ships Fastest Pentium(R) Processor

World's First Volume Microprocessor Built on Advanced 0.35 Micron Manufacturing Technology



processor operates at 120 MHz, delivers 140 SPECint92 and 103 SPECfp92 of performance and is available in volume now.

The Pentium Processor 120 MHz is the first volume microprocessor to be built using a 0.35 micron process technology (a micron is approximately 1/100th the diameter of a human hair). This new technology will allow the Pentium processor die to shrink to half its current size, which translates into higher performance, higher reliability and lower cost products for computer users in the future.

"The rapid implementation of the 0.35 micron manufacturing technology allows us to expand the Pentium processor family at an unprecedented pace," said G. Carl Everett, senior vice president, Microprocessor Products Group. "The 120 MHz Pentium processor introduces a new level of compatible performance for mainstream desktop computers."

Everett added, "In 1995, PC manufacturers again will be able to double microprocessor performance at major system price points and give PC users new choices in all computing segments." He projected that the 100 MHz Pentium processor -- which until today had been the performance leader in Intel's portfolio -- is targeted to become the volume desktop processor in systems priced at less than \$2,000 in the second half of this year.

"New members of the Pentium processor family, including a 150 MHz version, will be introduced throughout the year," noted Everett. "These new high-performance versions of the Pentium processor will be manufactured on Intel's 0.35 micron manufacturing technology."

## 0.35 Micron Process Technology

SANTA CLARA, Calif., -- March 27, 1995 -- Intel Corporation introduced a new, higher performance version of its Pentium(R) processor today. This Pentium

Intel's move to volume microprocessor manufacturing on a 0.35 micron process technology is an industry first. It allows the die size to be reduced to approximately one-half the size of Intel's Pentium processors built on 0.6 micron process technology (75, 90, and 100 MHz) which was introduced just last year, or about one-fourth the size of the original Pentium processors built on the 0.8 micron technology (60 and 66 MHz) introduced in 1993.

Intel's 0.35 micron process technology is a 3.3 volt BiCMOS process that combines the energy-saving features of CMOS technology and the high-performance characteristics of bi-polar technology. The process features four layers of metal and full use of planarization (polishing each surface of the wafer flat before building the next layer upon it), and is built on 8-inch (200mm) wafers.

"The move to this smaller geometry keeps Intel in the forefront of manufacturing process technologies," said Everett. "Our ability to support volume manufacturing for wide ranges of high-performance products is a result of our steady investment in research and development, and capital additions."

For the fifth straight year, Intel expects to lead the semiconductor industry in capital investments. The company will invest \$2.9 billion in capital additions and \$1.3 billion in research and development in 1995, compared with \$2.4 billion and \$1.1 billion in 1994, respectively.

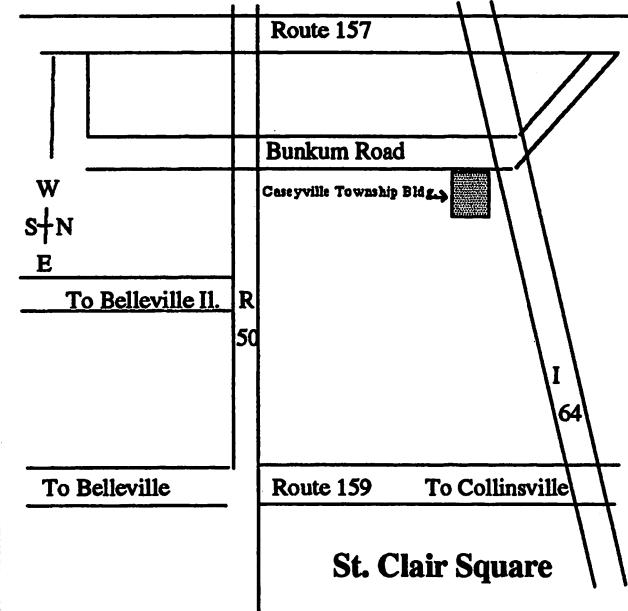
In 1,000-piece quantities, the Pentium processor 120 MHz is priced at \$935. It is available in volume now. It is the first Intel microprocessor to reach the 1000 level on the iCOMP(R) Index.

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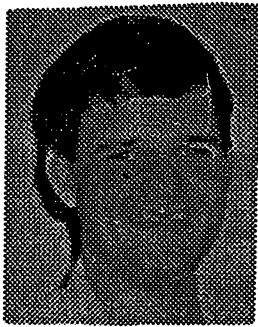
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### President's Page

By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

#### ELECTIONS

At the October meeting we had the Nominations, and the November meeting will bring the Elections. If you are interested in becoming a

board member, it is not too late. Come to the November meeting and you'll be added to the list of Nominees. Hank Kilgus was nominated to fill the spot that John Hubbard previously filled as Secretary. The other board members and myself were nominated for the positions that we currently hold. If anyone would like to become a board member, please feel free to come forward and add your name to the list of nominees at the November meeting.

#### Bob Suarez Award

When we cleaned out the cabinet in the basement of the meeting hall we found the Bob Suarez Memorial Plaque that is used to reward members who have gone above and beyond the normal membership duties. The board and members at the October meeting decided to let you, the entire membership, vote and determine who should have their names put on the plaque. Larry Briggs will fill in the voting details later in this Newsletter. Please vote for three members. We have three places to fill on the plaque. Many members remember Bob and all the good things he did for the Club and it's members. I think he'd be happy to know that we are going to continue giving this award in his name.

### DEMO THIS MONTH

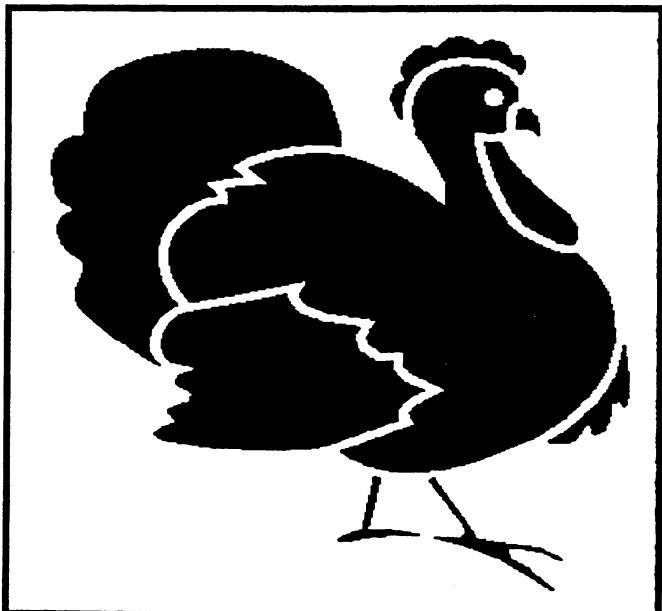
This month we'll go over Windows 95 and review some of the new and exciting features that it adds to the Windows environment. The MicroSoft training videos will be continued in January. The December meeting will be the Christmas Party. If anyone wants to borrow the tapes.... the November Meeting would be a good time.

### Joke of the Month

I was walking past Earl's house one day this summer and I saw Earl and his friends that he meets for breakfast laying out getting suntans. They were all laying there looking up at the sky. When I looked up, I saw a huge flock of birds flying overhead. One of Earl's friends spoke up and said, "Earl, you better wiggle or something. Those buzzards are getting closer." (Just kidding Earl)

See you at the meeting...

Happy Thanksgiving Mike



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## Amiga D.O.M. Nov.. 95

By Jim Tomlinson



**SUPERTRAIL** - The principle of this game is to guide a rolling ball as fast as possible along a long trail, to avoid the holes or jump over them, and to get as many points as possible in the end (what else?). Many extra fields with special effects can make this task easier or much more difficult. Included are nine levels (trails), starting "very easy" up to "utterly difficult". All levels can be done in 60 seconds. You can see this by activating the highscore replay function, which will show the game which lead to the highscore (not possible for "all" highscore).

**TANKATTACK** - If you like tank battle games, this is a very good one. It is much like Firepower but also includes the ability to play in teams! Also included is a demo of Xenomorph 2, a follow up to the great commercial game of Xenomorph.

**TNT** - Another really great game.

## MS-DOS D.O.M. Nov. 95

Ken Welker



### ALW203.EXE

Astronomy Lab 2 is one of the most innovative, interesting, and useful shareware astronomy programs available for Microsoft Windows 95 and Windows NT. Astronomy

Lab 2 generates animated movies that simulate a host of astronomical events (including solar and lunar eclipses, lunar occultations, planetary occultations, transits of Mercury and Venus, the orbits of Jupiter's bright moons, and the motions of the planets in the plane of the ecliptic).

### CDD.EXE

Disc Detective provides critical analysis tools for multi-session CD-ROMs, and confirms correct post

gap at the end of each data track. If you have ever had an unsolvable problem reading a CD-ROM, Disc Detective is the answer!!!

### CRAPS40.EXE

Thanks for trying PyroWare Craps 4.0! This game is, we feel, the best Craps game for Windows available. We have worked long nights and "observed" real Craps games in action to better simulate the thrill of the Dice.

### FBCLK24.EXE

Football Clock V2.4: Any team logo on clock face

### UNSTAL03.EXE

Rosenthal UnInstall v3 <ASP> - Safely remove unwanted Windows & DOS programs. Files, directories and system changes may be kept or automatically removed with system cleaned up and restored. An absolute must-have necessity for trying out new shareware, CD-ROMs & demos. "Highest awards! Excellent!"

### VOCAL123.EXE

Vocal CD Windows CD player v1.23

### ARCADE.EXE

A collection of 5 arcade type games.

advertisement.

If you need professional Typing done Contact Bertha Koerper at 452-5110

## Editor's Note

By Larry Briggs

This month's newsletter has 8 pages, the most in a long time.

This can be done if you members contribute articles for me to print. It would be nice if more of the membership would become involved. It does not take much time or effort, just a few lines telling of your experience with a piece

see Editor Page 4

## Amiga Special D.O.M. Nov.95

By Jim Tomlinson

**ABOOT** - ABoot is a short utility for many startup-sequences system. It means, at each reboot you can choose one of ten startup-sequences, and the chosen one will be executed. Of course, it makes sense only on systems with a hard drive... ABoot can also protect your system by password. But remember, anyone can skip it by booting with no startup-sequence! ABoot & ABuilder require Kickstart 2.04 and reqtools.library. You must also have: - run - execute - copy - makedir - delete in C: directory also - amigaguide in search path (if You want to see help :-)) - any editor (e.g. "C:ed") REMEMBER: This program will change your startup-sequence!!! If you are beginner, don't use it!!!

**AXF-64** - Emulator of C= 64 for Amiga computers with 68020 or higher. Requires OS 2.0 or better.

**CABOOM** - CaBoom 'explodes' windows when you open and close them. When a window is opened trails start at the mouse pointer and arc round to the position and dimensions of the window. When you close a window the trail start at the window and grow smaller towards the mouse pointer.

**DCOPY** - DCopy is a great program for making backups of many of your diskettes. It features both a AmigaDOS and a nibble copy mode, plus the ability to format disks.

**VCHESS** - Anyone for a nice game of chess??

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## THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper

Decisions, decisions, decisions. Should I write about the world of IBM compatibles ( actually a misnomer as they are really DOS compatible or better yet INTEL compatible ) or should I write about the Amiga this month. Hmm let's see which computer comes as a multimedia machine? Ah ha, that's easy, the Pentium or 486 machine is a capable multimedia machine and they have been doing it for what three or four years now, that's it, I could write about that after all they seem to claim they invented multimedia. But then again the Amiga has always been a capable multimedia format and have been

doing it for around ten years now.

I better use different criteria. How about multitask king, with the advent of Windows 95 and if you have roughly eight megs of memory and preferably more you have a multitasking machine and Windows 95 has been around for months now, so I can extol the multitasking abilities of that machine! Then again the Amiga 500 that I bought in 1987 did true preemptive multitasking with just 512K, that's K not megs. Oh well let's try again. I've got it, how about a 32 bit operating system which Windows 95 takes full advantage of, oh well then again I believe it was 1989 when the Amiga 3000 came out with a true 32 bit system and an operating system to take full advantage of it.

OK, OK I've got it now, which computer can emulate other hardware platforms such as: VIC-20, C-64, Apple II series, MSX 8-bit computer, Sinclair Spectrum, Sinclair QL, Oric-1, Macintosh, MSDOS and Windows computers? Wait a minute that's the Amiga again. Which machine has never been encumbered by a 640KB limitation, oh no not the Amiga again! Windows 95 does have plug and play with specific equipment named Windows 95 compatible, but then again the Amiga has always been autoconfig. Wait a minute this is fascinating where can I go to get one of these incredible Amiga machines. I remember I already own two of them and Amiga Technologies GmbH says there making more thank goodness, God is in his heaven and all is right with the world.

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of hard ware or software. Save it on a low density disk in ASCII or send it to me by modem, or print it out, I will be able to use it. Hank Kilgus did. Thanks Hank.

I picked up the article of the speech by Petro Tyschtschenko, AMIGA rep. on the internet. I thought it might be of interest to some of you Amiga buffs. We could be back in business soon.

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Happy Birthday  
TO  
Henry Kilgus

## MODERN DAY COMPUTERY???

by Hank Kilgus

It all started months ago after having read an article and several commentaries on the new WINDOWS 95 program. Contributing, was one of our own GCC members demo of the new WIN at one of our monthly meetings. That's when I decided to put to test the Electronic 20th Century, my wallet, and I suppose above all, the patience of my wife. YEAH!, I wanted WIN 95.

A few hours of much needed research helped me with the decision to upgrade my old Packard Bell computer as opposed to purchasing a new one with © you know, Pentium inside. Having crossed that hurdle, I was prepared to deliver the CPU to the shop for the upgrade. I wanted to upgrade to a 486DX4, 850 hard drive, 75 MHz with a substantial boost in memory however, that was not to be, not just yet. It was then that the color card and the sound card crashed...kaput! Two weeks would pass before I could get the repairs done and the upgrade completed.

That completed, I spoke with our BITS & CHIPS Editor in Chief about printers. Larry advised that I go with the Hewlett Packard for much desired print quality (my requirement) and high level product reliability. Norm Collins gave me an issue of Consumers magazine so that I could make some comparisons. So, off to market to buy a HP! That was saturday.

I looked, then went home to sleep on it (I don't make hurried decisions when it comes to my toys!). Returned Monday to make the purchase and, you guessed it, they had sold out! Their computer data told us that more would be available in 14 days however, I would have to purchase the upgrade model © same price © WHAT A DEAL!!

A few days passed and I learned in a phone call from Kansas that the new model was in the store with a price reduction. Off to the store again only to find that the price was \$20.00 more than was quoted to me only a few days earlier. Discussion led to discussion and the result was that the manager let me purchase the printer for the original quoted price.

More conversation with Larry convinced me to tie into my two printers with a set of Print Share cables rather than with a AB Switch. Couldn't find any close by in Illinois or Missouri. Two days later, Larry to the rescue again. He had seen some in Fairview Heights. Hooked up the cables and they didn't work. By this time, I'm beginning to think that the Electronic Twentieth Century REALLY STINKS!

I must admit that my exposure to computers was limited to booting them up and operating in a controlled entry environment. Hardware and software was no concern to me. If it didn't work, the smart guys were just

down the hall. More advice from Larry and I'm off and running. The twentieth century works after all.

The message that I'm trying to convey here is that we have some great club members who are willing to help others. Kudos to Larry Briggs who has welcomed me into his home and spent numerous hours trying, with some measure of success, to educate me on the real world of "modern day computery". I am greatly indebted to Larry and will be forever grateful. Thanks Larry!

*That is what the computer club is all about, members helping members. Ed*

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### The Speech by Petro Tyschtschenko, Senior Vice President of Escom and General Manager of Amiga Technologies

We are pleased to be here in the UK, one of our most important markets, to have the opportunity to talk directly to the Amiga press. We will talk to our dealers and the developers tomorrow. We know that this press meeting should have taken place earlier. Please understand that we were very busy. We have set up the operations and the material for production. During this time, we have achieved many things. Let's talk about this now.

Some of you surely know how long and difficult the takeover of Commodore was and how much this one year of latency hurt the Amiga market. Building up everything again was also a difficult task for us. Especially the financial and logistic situation. Without the support from our mother company ESCOM AG, nothing would have been possible. We actually revived the Amiga in two important steps: First, by acquiring the assets of the former Commodore for more than 10 million dollars; secondly, by starting it up again, which requested again several times the initial investment. Other main difficulties we encountered were to get specific parts and components for production. D-RAMs are on allocation, Amiga keyboards, floppies and Production

GOOD NEWS: We are still on schedule to produce Amigas for availability in September. And even better news, we will have a real European manufactured product.

The Amiga 1200 will be produced in Bordeaux, France. Our successful negotiations with Solelectron, one of the world leader of sub-contract manufacturing, guarantees a European high quality standard. Quality is very important for us, we want to reduce defective returns to a minimum. That's why we focused on Europe rather than the Far-East.

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The Amiga 4000T motherboards will be produced in the United States, near Philadelphia. The units for Europe will then be assembled in the ESCOM facilities in Germany. The American

units will be assembled in Philadelphia.

We have made an agreement with a European monitor manufacturer. He will provide a monitor especially adapted to be used with the Amiga. The monitor is a high-quality multisync monitor that can scan horizontal frequencies from 15 to 38 KiloHertz. The plug of that monitor is also adapted to the video output connector of the A1200 and A4000T. I think this is exactly what is needed for all Amiga resolutions.

As announced at our previous press conference, our plan is still to build 100,000 A1200s and 20,000 A4000Ts until the end of this year. These figures are based on existing orders and on customer based forecasts. I'm quite sure that this gives us the assurance that the whole production will actually be sold. A large percentage of our A1200 production will be sold alone in the UK.

**Servicing** The repair and spare servicing will be centralized in our service-centre in Braunschweig, Germany, in coordination with the representation points in each country. The technical dealer support will also be handled here, as well as the distribution for computers and monitors in Germany.

Our service plan is very simple: we don't repair, we only make components exchanges. Future plans, developments As I promised before, I will now tell you about our future plans for research & development.

First, we plan to enhance current models. We are thinking of faster processors and chip integration for the beginning. We are going to integrate the 68060 chip for the A4000T this year. For the entry-level model, we are looking at an external CD ROM addition and more RAM onboard the bare units.

We are also planning to use the

CD32 concept for developments of set-top-box systems. The set-top-boxes will open new markets for Amiga products. Set-top-Boxes could be produced in variants for cable-TV, satellite-TV and for telephone line communication and also be used for home-shopping and home-banking. I'm convinced that this market is tremendous and will push the Amiga technology into millions of households. Software publishers should be interested in writing software for such a widely spread platform. The Amiga architecture is optimally suited for set-top-systems because of its low demand for resources like RAM or processor power and because of its multitasking and real-time abilities, in summary, the Amiga is the most cost effective platform for set-top-boxes.

It is still under investigation which RISC platform will be used as the basis for the Amiga of the future. At this point, we cannot say more about this issue, thank you for your understanding.

## IFA Berlin

From the 26th of August to the 3rd of September, we will be present at the IFA, one of the biggest consumer fairs in Germany for TV, communications and multimedia. 500 000 visitors are expected this year and we use the occasion to make our comeback with the Amiga in Europe. Virtual Products I-Glasses and Commodore will also be presented to our visitors. May I point out that the Amiga version of the I-Glasses will be much cheaper than the PC version because it doesn't require the VGA-to-composite conversion box, since the Amiga 1200 already has a composite output.

Ladies and gentleman, I hope this event was informative and I hope inspiring for you. We are now at your disposition if there are any questions you would like to ask us. Thank you for your attention.

## Gateway Computer Club

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The Saurez memorial award for the club members most outstanding achievement for the club has not been awarded for the last three years. The board decided at the last meeting that we shall bring the awards up to date.

We need you members to select from the members list, you feel deserves the awards for 1993-94 and 95.

Do not vote for the following members as they have already received an award.

Juanita Welker, Ken Welker, Earl Salmons, Everett Truttmann and Larry Briggs.

WE need your votes by the November meeting so that the awards can be ready for presentation at the Christmas party. Thanks..

## CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 20th. All club members and their families are welcome. It has been the custom for each member to bring food. The club will furnish the drinks (NO ALCOHOL) paper plates and silverware.

We need a list of what each of you will bring. Please let the board know at the November meeting or call me at 345-0220  
Larry Briggs

## Ballot for the Saurez Awards

Name--1993-----

Name--1994-----

Name--1995-----

Please let the board know how many people will be in your party so they can plan for the amount of food will be needed.

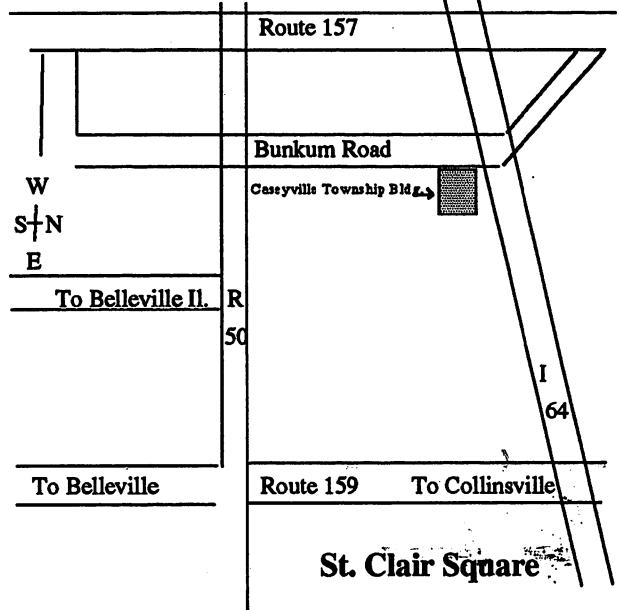
List here the food you will bring to the Christmas Party.

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Name-----

## Gateway Computer Club

### Meeting Place

At the Caseyville Township Building  
Fairview Heights, IL.



## GCC Directory

### Next Meeting

November 1st.. 1995 7:00pm

**Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

November 15th.. 1995 7:00pm.

At the Western Sizzlin  
Fairview Heights, IL.

**Next Copy Session:**  
At all regular meetings.

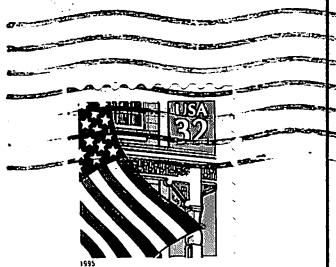
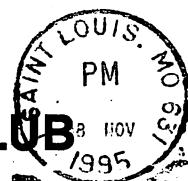
Visitors Always Welcome

At Meetings

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Caseyville Township Hall, 10010 Bunkum Road in Fairview Heights, IL



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# Bits & Chips

## of the Gateway Computer Club

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## Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

### President's Page

By Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

#### ELECTIONS

As promised in my last article, we had the Board Member Elections at the November Meeting.

Hank Kilgus was elected to the Secretary position and is already showing that he will fill

the position and be a great asset to the club. My thanks to Hank for helping out the club.

Jim Tomlinson a long-time member was elected to fill the Vice Presidential position on the board. Jim has been a member since the clubs inception and he has always helped out whenever the club needed him. I would like to thank Jim for his years of service and for taking over as Vice President.

Congratulations and Thanks to our New Board Members...

#### Bob Suarez Award

The Bob Suarez Awards went to: 1993-Jim Tomlinson  
1994-Dick Koerper  
1995-Mike Taphorn

I know that Jim, Dick and I consider being elected to receive the Bob Suarez Memorial Award an honor and a privilege. I personally knew Bob and his family and considered him to be my "Computer Dad". He represented to me what it meant to be an honest and good person. I really appreciate being added to the list of Award Winners. Thanks for the Honor...

#### DEMO THIS MONTH / CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be no demonstration this month in lieu of the Christmas Party. I know that Ken Welker is contacting the current members to see what kind of turn-out we are going to have at the party. We really need to know so we can plan the food and beverage purchases appropriately. Thanks for your help and if Ken did not contact you, please call him or myself and let us know how many people you're bringing and what kind of food you'd like to bring. Merry Christmas

#### Joke of the Month / Member of the Month

Everyone complained that my jokes were bad so I've decided to give the Joke of the Month a rest and change the title to Member of the Month (And I don't mean that as an insult to our chosen member.)

I recently received a letter from our newest member David Andrew. He joined the club at the November meeting and has already taken an active role in the club. He saw that the News Democrat has a local club listing and photocopied the form that is needed to add the GCC to the club list and sent it to me with his letter. I would therefore like to award David the Honor of being listed as the first "Member of the Month"

Thanks for helping out David. I'm going to send the form to the paper and we'll see if we can generate more interest in our club.

See you at the meeting...

Mike

P.S. I just bought a new ZIP drive and an HP855C Printer. I also ordered a new Gateway 2000 133 MHz Pentium machine that should be ready before Christmas. I guess I know what I'll be doing during the Holidays...

# REPORTS

## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not-for-profit organization of like-minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and monthly Bits & Chips Newsletter.

Direct all membership applications and questions to the Gateway Computer Club c/o Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville Il 62234

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C. library. Reproduction of copyrighted software is not promoted nor condoned by the G.C.C. and will not be tolerated at club functions.

## Bits & Chips

Please direct all submissions and advertising to Editor Larry Briggs, 1021 Lafayette Ct. Collinsville, Il 62234. Camera ready advertising must be received by the first of the month to be included in the issue of the month.

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## Membership Report

Larry Briggs

Lets all give a big welcome to new members. David Andrew.

THANKS AGAIN for continuing Their membership with us. Larry Briggs, Tony Burke, Marshall Bush, Richard Collins, John Price and James Tomlinson.

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this Coming meeting. Dave Dawson, Art Koenig, and Bill Broda.

These Members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. John Sundstrum.

If you have any questions about your membership, See Larry Briggs at the meeting, or call 345-0220.

## The Officers

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SEC: Henry Kilgus.....397-1034  
TRES: Ken Welker.....234-5901  
EDITOR: Larry Briggs.....345-0220  
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ASST LIBR: (MS-DOS).....Ken Welker  
MEMBERSHIP: Larry Briggs....345-0220

## Treasure's Report

By Ken Welker

BALANCE Nov. 1, 1995.....\$ 803.69

I D.O.M. CARDS.....\$ 10.00  
N D.O.M. DISKS.....\$12.00  
BLANK DISKS 3.5.....\$ 30.00  
O BLANKDISKS5.25.....\$ 0.00  
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 105.00  
E 50/50.....\$ 0.00

Nov. INCOME.....\$ 157.00

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X  
P NEWS LETTER.....\$ 22.04  
E POSTAGE.....\$ 12.80  
N Meeting Hall Rental.....\$100.00  
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Nov. EXPENSES.....\$134.84

CURRENT BALANCE.....\$ 815.85  
CASH.....\$ 10.00  
TOTAL.....\$ 825.85  
AS OF December 1, 1995.

## Amiga D.O.M. Dec.. 95

By Jim Tomlinson

**ABACKUP** - ABackup is a program which allows you to backup data from your hard disk. It can be used on any Amiga model, providing you have Kickstart V37 or higher, and at least 1 Mb of memory. ABackup has all the features you might expect from such a program: Both full and selective backup and restore operations (you can select the files by name, by date, by protection bits, but also one by one) Backup to floppy disks, to partitions (for example a SyQuest cartridge) or to an archive file. Optional data compression, data encryption, verification, and archive bit setting. Restore to any directory, with or without restoring the original directory tree, and handling of already existing files. Optional date and empty directories restore. Backup of non-AmigaDOS partitions (PC, Mac, UNIX, ...) Optional report file for all operations. Full Intuition interface, AmigaGuide documentation. However, ABackup is not just one more backup program. This program also provides unusual features, like: Transparent support of High Density floppy disks. Cyclic utilization of several disks drives. Supports mixing of Double Density and High Density floppy disks. Transparent support of the "diskspare.device". Asynchronous writes for maximal backup speed. Data compression can be performed by the "xpk.library" or an external program.

**AFSDEMO** - Ami-FileSafe. AFS has much faster disk access than FFS. AFS will store (On average) more data than FFS on the same disk. AFS gives vastly improved directory scanning. AFS is SAFE - If you crash your machine while writing Ami-FileSafe partitions will not (unlike OFS & FFS) become invalidated or corrupt. The demonstration version of Ami-FileSafe will not handle partitions of more than 10MB.

**MEMBAR** - Membar is a little utility which displays the memory usage in a small window in the titlebar of the Workbench.

**Mr-COMPARE** - Mr Compare v1.0: A program that compares two files using a graphic display to show all differences. All differences will be shown in both decimal & hex.

**Serious BackGammon** - Backgammon is one of the classic board games, and has been played for over four thousand years, since the times of the ancient Egyptians. Backgammon's rules are simple, yet it remains a challenge to the most experienced player. Games are quick and exciting, ensuring none is ever boring, and the element of chance means both players always have a chance of winning. Serious Backgammon is entirely mouse controlled, and has been carefully designed to be as intuitive to use as possible.

## Amiga Special D.O.M. Dec.95

By Jim Tomlinson

**H.E.R.O.** - It's all about a game made by Activision way back in 1983. It first appeared on the Atari 2600 VCS. Yuk! Monochrome and with beeps. But this changed in 1984. H.E.R.O. was released on the C64 (yes, yer olde C64!) And it was an instant classic! We loved it. It got a re-release in 1988 and still it was excellent. It's all about this guy (a H.E.R.O. actually) who has to rescue these miners from a series of caves linked together. He only has a few bombs and a little laser in his helmet to kill the bugs and spiders living in the mines. With the bombs he can blow away any obstacles in his path. After rescuing the miner our H.E.R.O. moves on to the next, more difficult level.

## MS-DOS D.O.M. Dec. 95

Ken Welker

### ALTTAB.EXE

BETTER ALT-TAB by Toggle Booleans Better Alt-Tab improves on the standard Windows method for switching between the applications that are currently running. Better Alt-Tab replaces and improves upon the old way by graphically showing you all of the applications that are running so you can see the what's running and visually select the application you want.

### COPYQ322.EXE

COPYQM v3.22 - August, 1995 - CopyQM is a diskette duplicating program that, since its introduction in 1987, has set the standard for PC duplication software. This program is by far Sydex's most popular, though we do offer a complete line of programs related to diskette duplication and conversion. CopyQM is one of the few products to copy Microsoft 1.7MB DMF and 1.72MB WinImage distribution diskettes used for most MS Windows products.

### DARE.EXE

DARE to DREAM adventure game for Windows New from Epic MegaGames A Sierra-style graphical adventure game for Windows 3.0 or later. Guide TYLER through beautifully-designed scenes and puzzles in search of a way to escape the dream... Brilliant, addictive, highly sophisticated, with an incredible sound track. A 1993 shareware EPIC release!

### GDS31G.EXE

GDS:Graphic Display System 3.1g Like CSHOW & VPIC, but solid! Views, does thumbnails, converts, flips, rotates, crops, scales, dithers, GIF, JPG, PCX, TIF, IFF, LBM, DL, HAM, BMP, RLE, TGA, MAC, WPG, CUT, ANSI, TXT, IM, PBM, CUT, GL, FLI, MPG, CGA-SVGA. QUICK, EASY & MOUSE DRIVEN, complete hypertext help and prints 100+page manual. SYSOP vers.avail! Great ASP shareware. (Photodex-rr03/03/95)

## THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES

By Dick Koerper

As I sit here writing my article for the December Bits And Chips I am reminded of the sage words of wisdom given to me by that esteemed journalist and editor of our distinguished newsletter, Larry Briggs, when he said "Keep it short I don't have that much room left". OK it's my job therefore to keep it short. To be precise he said one column five inches long. Let's see now what did I do with that ruler, can't find it so I am going to have to estimate how long this is. I wonder if Dave Barry has to work with this kind of pressure. Then again if his real secretary looks anything like the one who plays Mia on Dave's World that could be pressure enough. I hope you are all going to be at the big Christmas Party this year, I hear our beloved El Presidente' will be using his new computer as a boom box. Kinda like Sweatin' To The Microsoft. Could start a trend. Oh well if my calculations are anywhere near close I have reached my five inches so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr Koerper must have a short ruler, I asked for a five inch column and he made it three and a quarter. ED

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## Editor's Note

By Larry Briggs

At the Christmas Party on December 20th, the Trophy's for the three recipients, will be presented to; James Tomlinson 1994, Dick Koerper 1993, and Mike Taphorn 1995,

Jim Tomlinson has been a member from the club's inception and has been active in assembling the disk's of the month for the Amiga. He has been elected as Vice President for 1996, Dick Koerper is a past President of the club and has been Librarian of the club's Disk Library, and Mike has been a club member from the start of the club, and has been President for the past two years and has been reelected president for 1996.

If you have not done so, call Mike Taphorn at 345-0839 and let him know if you are coming to the Christmas Party, and how many in your party.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I'll see you at the February meeting as I will be in Florida for seven weeks. ED

## MINUTES

By Henry Gilgus

### Minutes of the General Meeting - November 15, 1995

1. The meeting was opened by President Mike Taphorn at 7:05pm with a cordial welcome to all.

#### 2. Old business:

a. Saurez awards were discussed. Votes were cast for the award with the following results:

Jim Tomlinson 1993; Richard Koerper 1994; and, Mike Taphorn, 1995.

b. Election of Officers was conducted. Voting results were:

President: Mike Taphorn, Vice President: Jim Tomlinson;

Secretary: Hank Kilgus, and, Treasurer: Ken Welker, Larry Briggs, Editor. Richard Koerper, Libr..

c. The Christmas Party was discussed. Members are to bring various foods; the club will provide tableware, beverages and the meat dish.

d. The next modem meeting: Nov. 25, at the Ken Nockta residence. 3.

#### New business:

a. Dave Andrews was welcomed as a guest. Dave joined GCC following the meeting. Dave is interested in IBM compatible software.

b. Mike agreed to produce monthly Newsletter for the GCC while Larry is visiting his family in Florida.

c. Hank Kilgus will investigate use of GCC announcements in local papers to attract new members and guests. All attendees are encouraged to bring friends.

d. A CD library will be started by using CD's donated by members. Following that, a decision will be made whether to purchase additional CD's.

e. The primary solution to busy signals for phone connections to AOL is to register the same phone number as the primary and the back-up number.

#### 4. Announcements and general information:

a. UMSL and BAC are offering Computer courses.

b. A member cited a problem with a Zip Driver. His contacts at Gateway and the manufacturer resulted in each blaming the other.

Members.

c. The Face Recognition program for big brother purpose, was announced by Mike.

d. AOL and Comp U-Serve disks and Commodore news letters were offered to the members.

e. Larry Briggs announced the open house at UMSL, sponsored by Gateway Amiga Club. Hardware may be purchased and sold at the event.

f. Richard Collins discussed procedure used to have one of his articles published in a recent publication.

g. Mike displayed a map of on-line services now available.

h. Larry showed some prints from the HP 855 and HP 600 printers.

#### 5. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. A Windows 95 demo was given by Richard Koerper.

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## Happy Birthday

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## Speech by Petro Tyschtschenko at Bradford

[This transcript came directly from Gilles Bourdin's laptop and as such is annotated for delivery, not a direct transcript of what was actually said.-Jason]

Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished guests.

I am pleased to be here at our first common press conference with Microvitec. My name is Petro Tyschtschenko, I am President at Amiga Technologies GmbH. The company was founded in May 1995, just after ESCOMAG acquired the rights to the technology and patents of the former Commodore Company.

Amiga Technologies GmbH is a 100% subsidiary of ESCOM AG. ESCOM AG is a public company. 25 % belongs to Quelle [explain], 10 % to Siemens-Nixdorf, 12,5 % to RWE [explain], 38,5 % to Manfred Schmitt, founder and chairman of the board, 14 % splitted to other shareholders. You surely have heard about the last ESCOM deal in the UK concerning the Rumbelows shops.

Before working at ESCOM AG, during my time at Commodore, for 12 years, when I was Director for international logistics, I always used to trade with manufacturers and accessory providers in the far-east. Commodore partners in this regard were notorious companies like Hyundai, Samsung, Daewoo or Philips, all famous names in the monitor business. Logically, the first thing I did when I began setting up the operations of Amiga Technologies GmbH was to revive my contacts. According to asian courtesy, I got many promises to help Amiga and to send propositions.

I am known as being an impatient man. I wondered if there wasn't a possible solution in Europe. In the Amiga-Magazines I saw advertisements for Microvitec Monitors and was surprised because I knew the name from the banking and industrial sector.

In Munich, at a big press meeting, I had the opportunity to talk to many people from the monitor and Amiga business, and I heard many positive comments about Microvitec. This convinced me to keep heading towards a European solution.

I arranged meetings in Bensheim with Mr H President at Microvitec Germany and addressed him our technical requirements, prices and quantities for an Amiga monitor. I quickly understood that the Microvitec deal would be the best solution from the technical point of view. Instead of choosing a low-cost product, I decided to go for the mid-level and to prefer good quality. Another advantage with Microvitec was the location in Europe, our main Amiga market. This was going to enhance our logistics tremendously and keep costs at a low level!

Now, ladies and Gentlemen, we decided to call the monitor M1438S. The initials stand for Monitor and Stereo. 14 represents the size and 38 means that the monitor can sync all horizontal frequencies from 15 to 38 Kilohertz. This is just what is needed for a multimedia computer like the Amiga.

We already got very satisfying tests in the Amiga-press. A little restriction concerning the use with genlocks has been detected but Microvitec engineers are already working on it.

### Distribution

Our first deliveries of the M1438S began in mid-September. After a few startup difficulties, we have everything under control. For the last quarter 1995, we will have sold all forecasted 15000 units. For the UK market, we can ship directly from the Bradford facility, which saves us time and money. The deliveries for continental Europe are made from our service-and-spare-center in Braunschweig. As you can see, ladies and Gentlemen, Logistics is an important thing for us and I think we have reached quite an acceptable level of optimization here.

Now, let's talk about our plans for 1996. What shall we do? Go back for far east production or continue our cooperation with

Microvitec? The decision has been taken..... Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, we decided to continue the British experience, how could it be otherwise? For us, of course, the price question is an important one. But I am convinced that Microvitec will be very cooperative on this issue, we are currently discussing this.

Concerning the product range, we think of three different models. For the first quarter, we will continue with the 14 inch model. For the CEBIT fair in Hannover, we have a 15 and 17 inch model or scheduled, during the second quarter, and this without increasing the price.

Ladies and gentlemen, we know that the 17 inch monitor will be a breakthrough in the Amiga market. We already presented first prototypes samples at the IFA fair in Berlin and the great response from the public convinced us to market it as soon as possible. Be aware: this monitor is able to adapt itself automatically to horizontal frequencies from 15 up to 64 Kilohertz. This monitor can be used on high-end Amigas fitted with 64-bit graphic boards and can display video as well as high-resolution VGA screens. There is actually no competition for this product on the market and we know that our Amiga monitor will be appreciated by those who do video applications, even on the PC and Macintosh side.

Our forecasts for 1996 are set on 60.000 monitors, which will represent a turnover of about 20 million UK Pounds. We will begin with 10.000 14 inch models during the first quarter, negotiations are still being made for the forthcoming quarters.

Ladies and gentlemen, as you might already know, we will not only sell monitors. We plan to bring 100.000 Amiga 1200 and 20.000 Amiga 4000 T on the market. Regarding the 060 Motorola board for the Amiga 4000 T, I'm afraid that we will have delays until next year, due to availability difficulties with Motorola and other component providers.

Our turnover at Amiga Technologies will be around 100 Million DM, which is about 45 Million UK Pounds. For the coming year, I will not make any commitments but if everything keeps going as well as this year, we expect to ship 500.000 Amiga 1200 and 50.000 Amiga 4000 T. Since then, there will also be new models available in the entry-level as well as in the mid-range. We also intend to present our new A1200 CD-ROM drive on the Amiga fair in Cologne.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are very pleased that we could contribute to increase the utilization of industrial capacity in Bradford. We hope that this will also help to improve the social situation here.

We think that with our action based on "European location and partners", we showed that a computer manufacturer can be competitive without having to transfer its production to the far east, like Commodore did. We think that we are quite innovative in this regard and we hope that our experience will be followed by other computer manufacturers.

Our main market is currently Europe. But there is also a great potential in the United States. In our forecasts, we did not include America because we are currently in negotiations with distributors and future partners to find a solution to cover the North-American market. These negotiations are quite promising. One of the distributor overseas has already ordered 500 monitors.

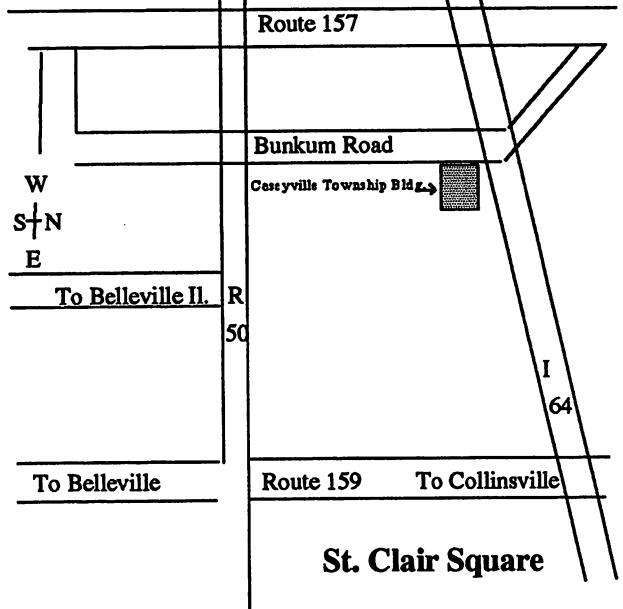
Ladies and Gentlemen, we are proud to export British Monitors to the USA and I will make you a confidence about one of my dreams I am about to realize: To export European-made monitors to Asia. This would indeed be a nice reward for the excellent work made by Microvitec and Amiga Technologies.

Thank you for your attention.

Courtesy, Jason Compton at Amiga Report

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